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BULGARIANS RESENT GERMAN OCCUPATION

GREEK TALKS ENDED

Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill have concluded their series of talks with the Greek Prime Minister in Athens.

REUTER UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CONVERSATIONS WERE VERY SATISFACTORY IN ALL RESPECTS.

Mr. Eden and the British delegation are leaving shortly for Cairo.

Athens crowds still continue to show the utmost enthusiasm at the presence of Mr. Eden and General Dill, and people follow the British visitors wherever they go.

While Mr. Eden paid a final visit to the Prime Minister yesterday morning, General Dill visited in a Greek hospital and a British canteen.—Reuter.

ITALIANS WARSHIPS BOMBED

British bombers attacked Italian warships off Valona, in addition to an attack on warships at Chimara, according to an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The communique adds that on all fronts in Italian East Africa, air support by bomber and fighter aircraft was given to the advancing British troops.

From all these operations two aircraft failed to return.—Reuter.

PORT OF BUYRE OCCUPIED

ABYSSINIAN PATRIOT FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED THE IMPORTANT ITALIAN PORT OF BUYRE AND ARE NOW HARASSING AN ITALIAN COLUMN WITHDRAWING TOWARDS DEBRA MARCOS, ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

In the area 1,500 Italian irregulars and 200 colonial troops have deserted with their weapons and have joined the patriots.

The communique adds that in Libya, Eritrea and Italian Somaliland there is nothing of importance to report.—Reuter.

Sullen Crowds Watch Army Move To Southern Border

(By A Reuter Correspondent)

SILENT AND SULLEN crowds of Bulgarian country folk are watching the German army move south. Bulgarian peasants are well aware that their food supply will be as much decreased as the danger of war for their country is increased, by the presence of these grim-faced veterans of the Western Front campaign.

Of seven divisions which stood ready on the other side of the Danube, at least five have now entered Bulgaria.

Overhead, Junkers' planes constantly bear material southwards, while Messerschmidts are taking up new bases in southern Bulgaria.

German police are installed in country towns, arrogantly directing the mechanised transport southward.

Capital's Sandbags

German railway officials were strutting up and down the platforms at Sofia's main station when I left for Belgrade on Tuesday night.

I saw the first sandbags being placed outside public buildings in the capital.

The average Bulgarian views the German occupation with strong distaste and remains unmoved by German propaganda.

GERMAN TROOPS IN LONG STREAM

By train, lorry, bus and plane, German troops continue to stream through Bulgaria towards the Greek frontier.

The three main routes southward are described by eye-witnesses as "solid miles of mechanised material."—Reuter.

BELGRADE BRITISH WARNED

The British consulate in Belgrade has addressed a circular to all Britons in Yugoslavia advising those who are not kept on urgent business to leave the country, according to despatches to the official French agency yesterday.

Most women members of the staffs of the British Legation and consulate in Belgrade, and the families of the Legation staff, are already preparing to leave.

Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Minister to Yugoslavia, returned to Belgrade on Tuesday from Athens, where he went to see Mr. Anthony Eden.

Wide Discretion

It was learned in London that the British Minister in Belgrade has for some time had discretion to advise British subjects with no urgent reasons for staying, to leave Yugoslavia as soon as German troops started the occupation of Bulgaria.

If some British subjects are now leaving Yugoslavia, they are doubtless acting on his advice.—Reuter.

GERMAN TROOPS IN CASABLANCA

The presence of German troops in Casablanca, French Morocco, was revealed by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Replying to a question, Mr. Butler stated that a representative of the German Armistice Commission had been in Casablanca for some months.

Early in February a considerable number of German officials and men were reported to have arrived there in uniform and bearing arms.

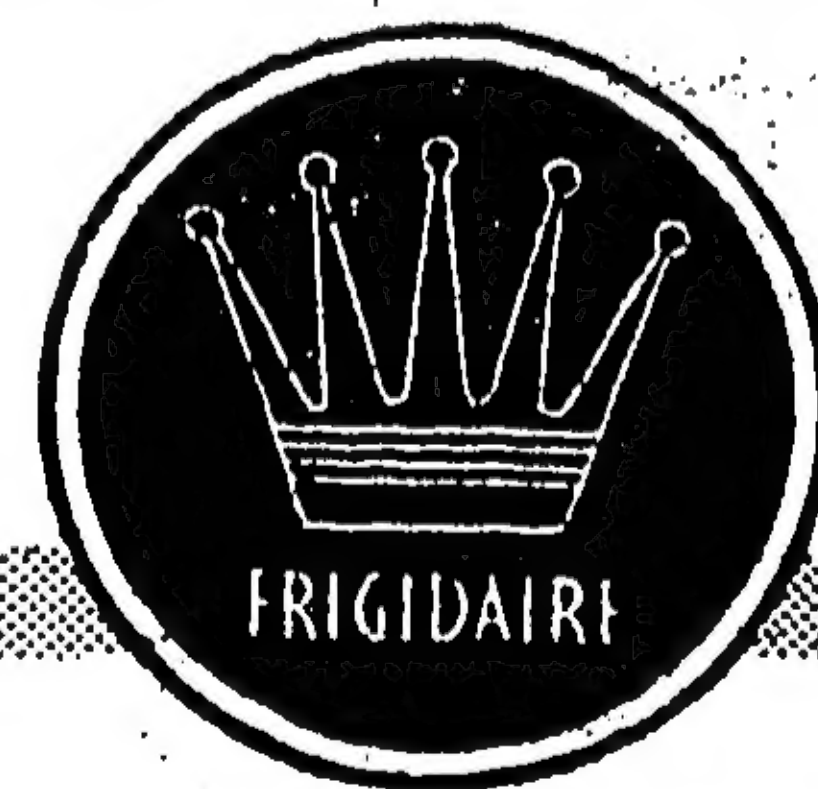
Estimates of their number vary, Mr. Butler added.—Reuter.

URGENT TOKYO MEETING

Prince Konoye, the Japanese Premier, has decided to call an urgent Cabinet meeting to-day as the French again failed to hand in a reply yesterday to the Japanese compromise formula for settlement of the Franco-Thai dispute, says an official Japanese report.

THE REPORT ADDS THAT THE FRENCH FAILURE IS ATTRIBUTED BY POLITICAL OBSERVERS TO DELAYED DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE FRENCH DELEGATES IN TOKYO AND NOT TO DELIBERATE INTENTIONS ON THE PART OF FRANCE TO POSTPONE OR BREAK UP THE MEDIATION CONFERENCE.

Since the French have clearly expressed a desire for a satisfactory conclusion, the Japanese authorities are said to be calm.—Reuter.



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Dramatic Flight Of Carol And Madame Lupescu

Dash Over Frontier With False Passports

EX-KING CAROL OF RUMANIA AND MADAME LUPESCU, OUTWITTING GENERAL FRANCO'S POLICE, HAVE MADE A DRAMATIC ESCAPE FROM SPAIN.

It became known in Madrid last night that the pair, who vanished from Seville on Tuesday, are safe in Portugal, having equipped themselves with false passports and slipping out of the Andalusia Hotel, their virtual prison for the past five months.

ATHENIA SINKING INCIDENT

The Swiss newspaper "Gazette de Lausanne" Berlin correspondent made the unexpected announcement yesterday that it was a German submarine which sank the Athenia.

He adds: when at the outbreak of war, the Athenia was sunk in the neighbourhood of the British Isles, the reaction of the United States to this event was awaited with some nervousness.

Nothing happened.

The torpedoing, which was the work of a German submarine, was one of these maladroitnesses which the Third Reich has been very careful to avoid ever since.

German propaganda then caused it to be understood that the sole responsibility for the catastrophe was Mr. Churchill's.

Reason was that Germany was not then disposed to amass declarations of war, as was the case in the last war, and though well aware of the sympathy for Britain on the part of the governing classes in the United States, the Germans were anxious not to fan the flame.—Reuter.

SHIPPING TO SWEDEN

AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN BRITAIN AND SWEDEN BY WHICH FIVE SWEDISH SHIPS FROM OVERSEAS PORTS WILL BE ABLE TO SAIL FOR GOTHENBURG EVERY MONTH.

Announcing this yesterday, the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London stated it is a condition of the arrangement that these ships shall not call at any German or German-controlled port, and that for every vessel entering the Baltic, one must previously have left that area.

Continuation of this traffic depends on the vessels concerned not being interfered with by Germany.—Reuter.

They dashed across the frontier in a high-powered car, apparently at Rosal de la Frontera. With them in a second car were a number of persons who had previously entered Spain from Portugal.

Before the flight they got rid of their man and maid servant by sending them out with clothes to be cleaned. They left behind in the hotel four big dogs.

A LARGE EIGHT-SEATER LUXURY CAR IN WHICH THEY BEGAN THE DRIVE HAS BEEN FOUND ABANDONED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BADAJOZ.

It appears they continued the drive to Portugal in a car of different make.

Their passports were obtained from a foreigner in Seville.

Fears For Life

With the exiles' escape, the press broke its silence yesterday for the first time about their presence in Spain, special editions announcing the flight.

Fears for Carol's life were expressed when it was reported that a trio of Iron Guardists had left Rumania for Spain.

Then General Antonescu signed decrees blocking his shares and accounts and confiscating all his property in Rumania.—Reuter.

TAKE MINES FOR NATION, SAYS M.P.

Nationalisation of mines, railways, banks and the steel and engineering industries was advocated by Sir Richard Acland, Liberal M. P. for Barnstaple, Devon, in a speech.

"We must have common ownership of these resources," he said. "If we are to win the war. Hitler is fighting this war with a new idea," said Sir Richard. "Is it not time we set about reinforcing our armed strength with the power of a new idea?"

"Hitler has triumphed because he was out to smash the old order to hell. We shall never stir up the enthusiasm of our own people and the people of Europe, to beat him while every act of our national policy shows we dare not interfere with that old order."

"Don't despise Hitler. He is planning a real thing for Europe—the enslavement of the peoples to serve a dominant German class."

LOGIC OR REALISM?

Commenting on the London speech of Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier, a Japanese Government spokesman in Tokyo yesterday said: "This time I think Australia is being very fair."

"Heretofore they have discussed problems with Japan only from a logical viewpoint, and now Mr. Menzies has indicated a readiness to approach matters from a more realistic viewpoint."—Reuter.

FALANGE ABOVE THE LAW

Members of the National Council of the Spanish Falange (Fascist) Party are given a privileged position in regard to the law under a decree published in Madrid yesterday.

The decree provides that no national councillor can be arrested without an order from the head of the party unless caught in flagrante delicto, when the head of the party must be immediately advised.

Legal action can be taken against national councillors only subject to the authorisation of the president of the Falange political board.

Other Falange authorities cannot be arrested except by order of a special judicial authority empowered under the new law to try them in other cases than flagrante delicto.—Reuter.

WARS IN EAST AND WEST: CLOSE AFFINITY

THE INEXTRICABLE connection of the Sino-Japanese War and the European War was the subject of an illuminating lecture at the Royal Central Asian Society in London yesterday by Mr. H. D. Liem, London correspondent of the Chinese Central News Agency.

Like the Germans, he said, the Japanese preached that they were the "herrenvolk" of Asia.

The technique of the two nations was exactly similar. Having selected a victim for absorption they goaded him by increasing persecution till he rebelled, when they denounced him as guilty of provocation and annihilated him on the pretext of self-defence.

Mr. Liem stressed the danger to Burma of the Japanese designs on Indo-China and Thailand, and the importance not only of the strong British reinforcements in Malaya but of the Netherlands East Indies' resolute resistance to Japan's obviously political demands.

Japan, said Mr. Liem, was already suffering from acute privation in many essentials and could not risk further aggressive adventures which would inevitably involve her in war with Britain and America, if boldly faced.

His references to China's gallant resistance and her unequalled importance in exercising a check on Japan, were warmly applauded.—Reuter.

HEROISM OF ARMS WORKERS

Increasing support is being given to the suggestion that workers in arms factories who continue at priority tasks during bombing raids when asked to do so by their managements should receive some form of recognition.

It has already been announced how successful these men have been in countering the night bomber by refusing to be diverted from their work during the heaviest raids. Yet they are not strictly eligible for the George Medal or the George Cross and they have

NAZI EXECUTION IN NORWAY

Stating that the sentences are "revolting and can only evoke feelings of disgust and aversion," the Swedish paper "Sociala Demokraten" reports, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency, the execution at the beginning of February of three Norwegians.

The men were condemned to death by a German military court at Bergen for espionage on a charge of maintaining a secret wireless transmitter and sending information about German military dispositions.

It is feared a similar fate awaits 10 Norwegians who were recently sentenced on a similar charge at Haugesund, where further 13 or 14 Norwegians are awaiting trial.—Reuter.

nothing to distinguish them from other workers on less vital tasks. It has been proposed that they should be accorded some kind of decoration—a ribbon similar to that of the French Legion of Honour has been suggested—which could be worn on civilian dress



Pioneers, clearing up air raid debris in London, line up on the pavement for rations. (Copy-right, Fox).

HERCULEAN TASK OF THE NAVY

Mr. A. V. Alexander Wants More Ships And Men

Reveals Growing British Strength In New Destroyers

THE HERCULEAN TASK OF THE BRITISH FLEET IN MODERN CONDITIONS — PERFORMING THE TASK OF FIVE FLEETS IN THE LAST WAR — WAS OUTLINED BY MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The House was debating the token estimate for the Fleet, but Mr. Alexander declared: "The British Fleet itself is no token fleet nor are our ships phantom ships, though they may be a nightmare to our enemies."

Hence Mr. Alexander had no hesitation in asking for "many more ships, very good ships, greater numbers of men, very fine men, and great quantities of stores of the most substantial kind."

The task of the Fleet had been magnified by the collapse of France, which altered the whole fabric of British strategy.

NEW LAIRS FOR PIRACY

The collapse of France gave the Germans a new naval ally in Italy, numerically stronger at sea than the Germans themselves.

It did more than turn Mussolini into an accomplice to a pirate — it gave the pirate himself new lairs whence to sally forth.

When the threat first loomed up the Navy had just completed a vast series of operations from the mist-shrouded coasts of Narvik to the sun-bathed beaches of St. Jean-de-Luz, of which history has probably never seen a parallel.

The Navy bore its part with the Merchant Navy and civilian volunteers in extricating hundreds of thousands of our troops from Norway and France.

It was not a task for which our ships were designed. Considerable losses were expected and accepted, especially in damage to destroyers, but by skill of seamanship and devotion, the Navy deprived the enemy of anything like the toll he confidently anticipated, but it was seriously depleted at the very moment when the whole problem had become more complex with the exit of France and the entry of Italy.

Improved Position

By swinging strides, however, we immeasurably improved our position.

With forces initially much inferior, Admirals Cunningham and Somerville not only kept the Italian fleet cooped in the Mediterranean but neutralised it even in waters which Italy specially claimed as hers.

In every encounter our crews had shown such superiority that units of the Italian navy scarcely venture to dispute even the waters around their bases.

Winter Gales

During the winter gales, British convoy escort forces paid the price of all navies whose tradition is to keep the seas regardless of weather if there is duty to be done.

Enemy communique claims would seem to show we had lost roughly twice the number of capital ships, aircraft-carriers and cruisers with which we entered the war and more than all the submarines (laughing).

In fact, the daily work of the fleet and such outstanding achievements as those of Ark

Royal, which has many times answered German questions concerning her whereabouts, prove that the great body of the Fleet in August, 1939, remains intact.

The Challenge

Mr. Alexander would say to the German navy: "We are quite prepared to take you on with all the ships alone which you profess to have sunk."

The number of ships in most classes, especially the destroyer class, now at sea or instantly ready for sea, is greater than at any time since war began.

Ships coming into service this year will of themselves make up a formidable force, judged by almost any other naval power's standards.

Even in the face of enemy bombing, the efforts of workers in shipyards and the untiring persistence of the skill of managements have maintained naval production in a remarkable manner.

Our long-term programmes of construction are maturing and a high output of short-term construction has been reached.

Naval Bombardments

It may not be appreciated how frequently our ships, though not designed for the role of bombing artillery, have carried the war into the enemy's ports as well as carrying out incessant bombardments in support of the army in Libya.

THE FLEET AIR ARM HAS ALSO BECOME A NOTABLE WEAPON OF OFFENCE. IN THE PRESENT WAR THEY HAVE DESTROYED ONE ENEMY BATTLESHIP, ONE CRUISER, THREE DESTROYERS, FOUR SUBMARINES, OTHER NAVAL VESSELS AND 15 SUPPLY SHIPS, IN ADDITION TO DAMAGING AT LEAST TWO BATTLESHIPS, TWO CRUISERS, FOUR DESTROYERS, FOUR MISCELLANEOUS CRAFT AND 20 TRANSPORT OR SUPPLY SHIPS.

In addition to disturbing the enemy's possession of his own coastal routes, British submarines have destroyed something

like 100 enemy warships and supply ships.

Qualities Of Resource

After a tribute to the Navy's assiduous and successful clearing of mines, which are constantly being sown in many waters, Mr. Alexander said the Navy's qualities of resource were exemplified by Admiral Cunningham's recent operations against the Italians.

With limited forces, Admiral Cunningham's staff had to provide the movement of supplies to Greece, Malta and the main bases in Egypt.

In addition, they had to dovetail into their offensive operations against the enemy flank in Libya the business of a veritable world transport agency, carrying troops and stores to newly-conquered beaches and harbours, transporting great crowds of Italian visitors, and even pumping water ashore to thirsty troops.

Merchant Shipping Losses

Up to May, 1940, the losses of British, Allied and neutral ships from enemy action averaged 40,000 tons a week. In the next seven months they remained obstinately at an average of just under 90,000 tons.

During the last 11 weeks, losses averaged about 51,000 tons.

The First Lord did not attribute the diminution entirely to improved measures of protection but thought they were justified in counting them as at least one certain reason, among other possibilities.

Must Be Prepared

We must expect the enemy to make heavy attacks and we may receive grievous blows.

The enemy used every conceivable means to attack us in this vital spot — the lurking mine, the powerful raider, aircraft, stealthy E-boats and submarines.

Counter-measures to long-range aircraft attacks are being developed though he would not reveal their nature.

As our resources grew, so would raiders' opportunities become fewer.

As for U-boat attacks, the expansion of aerial reconnaissance will become progressively more difficult for the enemy to avoid, while the R.A.F. will continue to dislocate the organisation of U-boat patrols by attacks upon their bases.

Convoy Protection

At sea the increased number of escorts will enable us to provide greater protection for convoys, and to these advantages will be added improvements in anti-submarine tactics.

In the meantime we continue to inflict losses upon enemy submarine flotillas.

To give the German naval staff their due, they change

STAFFORD CRIPPS BACK IN MOSCOW

Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Russia, arrived back in Moscow from Turkey by plane yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

U-boat tactics when they become too costly and new tactics demand changes in our own measures, which take time to perfect.

The defensive arming of merchant ships has been justified by the timely use of guns which enabled merchant seamen to preserve themselves and turn the tables on the enemy.

New Shipping

The claims of official enemy communique about merchant tonnage sunk amount to double our actual losses, even though some of these losses cannot be known to the Germans.

New ships delivered from British yards, plus those abroad and the volume of captured enemy ships now in our service, has replaced more than two-thirds of the tonnage of British ships lost by enemy action.

Admiralty Salvage

In addition, we had the advantage of chartering ships of States overrun by the enemy.

On the other hand, the enemy had lost over 2,000,000 tons sunk, captured or scuttled, and over one million tons were lying useless in neutral harbours.

Thanks to the Admiralty salvage organisation, total tonnage rescued and saved up to the end of last year was over 1,000,000 tons.

Of the 50 destroyers which the United States had transferred to us, some have already delivered attacks on enemy submarines, and others, in the course of their escort duties, have shared in the rescue of victims of enemy attack.

The peoples of the British Commonwealth have given unstinted support in the war at sea.

Great Distinction

Canadian destroyers have taken a share of the destroyers' task of protecting seaborne trade across the Atlantic.

Australian cruisers and destroyers and New Zealand cruisers participated with great distinction and success in operations in the Mediterranean and Middle East and in the protection of important convoys.

South African naval units were also making a very welcome contribution in the Mediterranean, and the small but highly efficient Royal Indian Navy is doing valuable patrol work in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean.

Allied Aid

Mr. Alexander did not betray the strength of the naval contingents of Free France, Poland, Holland and Norway, but they were most useful reinforcements and were steadily expanding.

The Belgians having no vessels of their own have come forward to help in many other ships, and he was glad there is now a Belgian section of the Royal Navy.

In conclusion, Mr. Alexander paid a special tribute to the "gallant fight of the small but heroic and efficient Greek Navy." — Reuter.

JAPANESE OPERATIONS IN SOUTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IN ORDER TO CUT OFF ALL SOUTH CHINA COASTAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE INTERIOR, JAPANESE NAVAL AND MILITARY FORCES, SUPPORTED BY AIRCRAFT AND NAVAL GUNS, HAVE OCCUPIED KWANGHOI, YEUNG KONG, TIN PAK, LUICHOW AND PAKHOI.

Operations against these five small South China ports followed the arrival of some Japanese warships and transports from Swatow, Amoy and Formosa.

Chinese communications with Kwong Chow Wan have been severed by the Japanese occupation of Luichow.

Striking out from Pakhoi the Japanese are now in Lunghow, and from Kwonghoi they have advanced to Toishan.—Our Own Correspondent.

AMATEUR TOWS BOMB AWAY

2nd Lt. John MacMillan Stevenson Patton, of the Royal Canadian Engineers, has been awarded the George Cross "for most conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner."

He was engaged in clearing debris when a member of the Home Guard told him that a big bomb which had fallen in the vicinity had failed to explode.

He inspected the bomb, decided it was in much too dangerous a position to be left there, and obtained an Army lorry and a length of cable.

After fastening the cable round the missile 2nd Lt. Patton sat on the running-board of the lorry to watch what happened while the bomb was dragged behind the vehicle to a field.

It was decided that it would be best to dump the bomb in an old crater. After careful manoeuvring it was deposited gently in the hole.

2nd Lt. Patton, an expert in chemical engineering, at that time knew nothing of the technique of tackling unexploded bombs. He became so interested that he is now attached to a bomb disposal unit of the R. E. He is 25 and married.

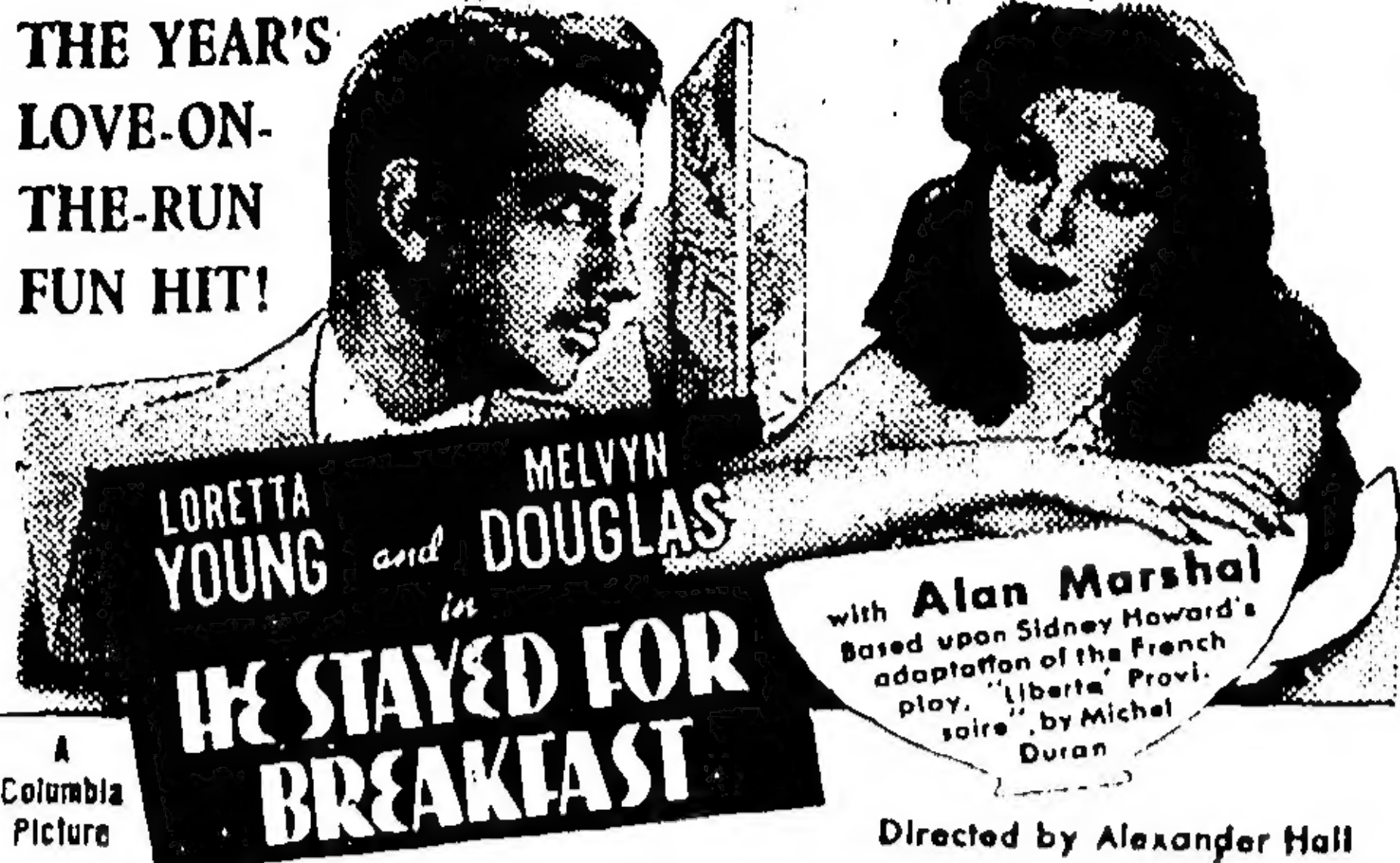
INDIA'S COTTON OUTPUT

The war has stimulated the demand for Indian cotton piecegoods from a number of Empire countries, including the Straits, Australia and South Africa, said the Chairman of the Bombay Millowners' Association at the annual meeting in Bombay yesterday.

He added that the Netherlands East Indies and Egypt also recently evinced interest in purchases from India, with the result that month by month exports had shown a tendency to increase and a valuable export trade was now being built up.—Reuter.

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Kept secret until after the movement was completed, the transfer of the troops—men, baggage and fighting equipment—was disclosed by the Quartermaster General.

Significance of the movement lies in the fact that the War Department presented it to the bus and truck operators as a "tactical problem" to determine the feasibility of motor transportation of complete combat units. Results of the "experiment" it is believed, will help to determine the part commercial highway carriers will play in defence.

The movement took place in Arkansas. The entire 153rd Infantry Arkansas National Guard, was transported over highways from 15 different points in the State to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, eight miles northwest of Little Rock. About 1,900 officers and men, the peace-time strength of the regiment, were involved. The Quartermaster General's office, as well as Col. H. L. McAllister, regimental commander, plan to make a detailed check of the movement to determine its efficiency and the comfort afforded to the troops.

Although smaller bodies of troops and their equipment have been moved in the past by bus and truck, they have not moved together as a complete fighting unit. In the Arkansas case, however, men and impedimenta moved as one for the first time, arriving at their destination ready to go into action.

Each convoy from the 15 points was in charge of the unit commander. The convoys were headed by buses, followed by the trucks. Bringing up the rear were Army vehicles.

Fifty-six buses and 21 trucks completed the job on schedule. Shortest haul was six miles—from North Little Rock to the camp, and the longest was from Blytheville, 221 miles. Actual weight of baggage and military equipment hauled by the trucks was about 146 tons.

The freight problem was submitted to American Trucking Association, Inc., several weeks prior to the movement. The trucking officials checked all roads over which the trucks would move to determine clearances, bridge and road, weight capacities, pavement conditions, etc.

Colonel McAllister, who was on hand to observe the movement, said it was accomplished without difficulties.

"We have facilities for transporting only a few of the units of our regiment," he said. "We have realised for some time that some method must be devised to move widely separated units to a centre in much shorter time than we have been able to do so in the past. This may be the solution. Use of trucks and buses eliminates delays that are unavoidable in railroad transportation."

ARRESTS IN SLOVAKIA

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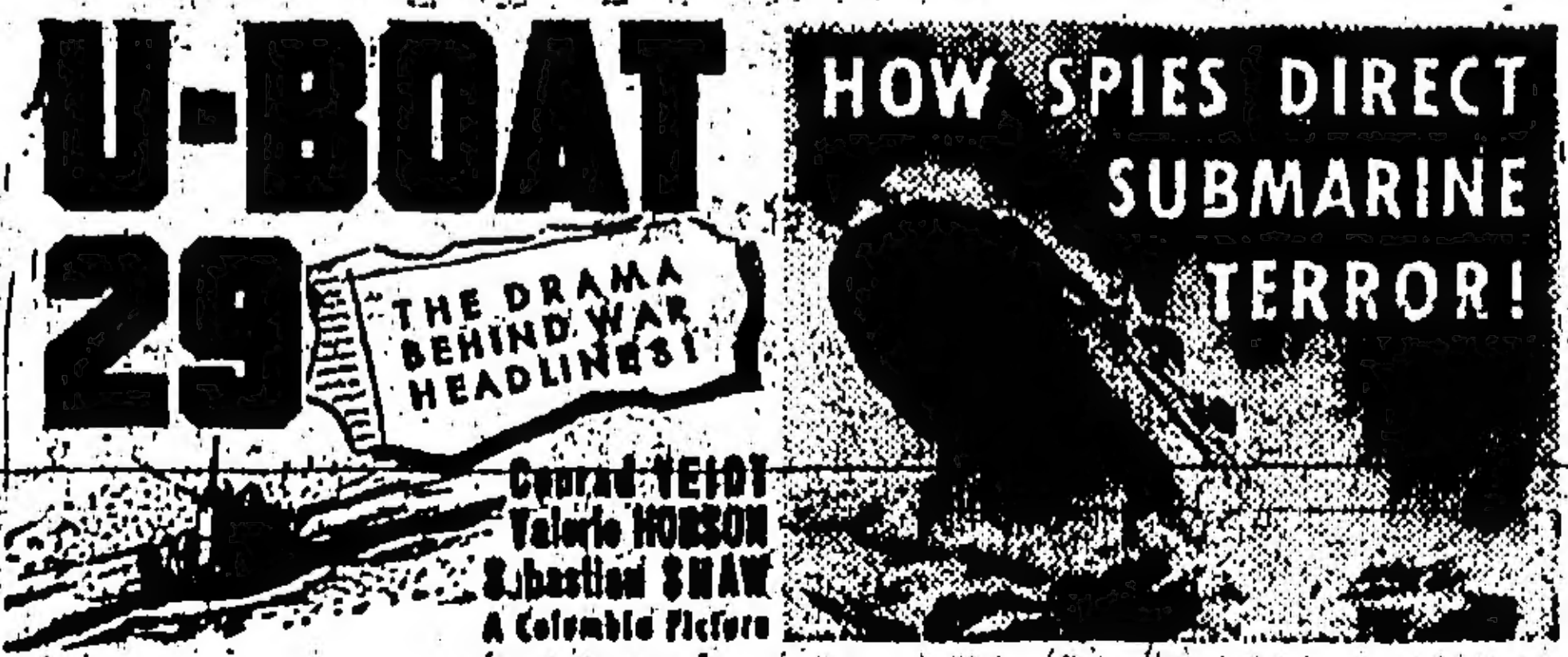
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NORSE SPIES FOR BRITAIN

Britain has "no more active allies than Norwegians who are fighting actively abroad and Norwegians who are fighting, perhaps passively, but none the less stubbornly, in Norway," Dr. Edward I. Hambro, son of Norway's President, said in Toronto.

Mr. Hambro was in Bergen when the Germans occupied that city. He escaped, joined the Norwegian Army, was appointed his son officer to the British forces in Norway, and was evacuated with them to England early last May.

Describing the attitude of his people toward the British, he said, "I will never forget when the first British bombers came over some of our cities. We knew that they meant danger to our lives and property but we ran into the streets cheering because we knew they were fighting for us."

"Right now Norwegians in Norway are spying for the British. I have seen British bombing attacks so accurate that they couldn't have been planned otherwise. And as late as Oct. 6 some young Norwegians rowed in an open boat across the North Sea to Scotland to join the fight for freedom."

"My countrymen are giving the Germans much trouble now. A rather laughable instance is a declaration issued by the Germans in Norway saying Norwegians should treat Germans as if they are as good as Norwegians. And the Germans call themselves Europe's master race!"

JOE BECKETT IS FREED FROM GAOL

Joe Beckett, former British heavyweight boxing champion, and his wife, who were detained under the Defence Regulations last June, have been released by order of the Home Secretary.

Beckett and his wife were arrested at their home in Winchester Road, Southampton, and were taken in a car to the police headquarters. Mrs. Beckett being accompanied by her three-week-old son.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckett were alleged to have been connected with the British Union of Fascists. Shortly before their detention, Beckett, who is forty-six, joined the Home Guard.

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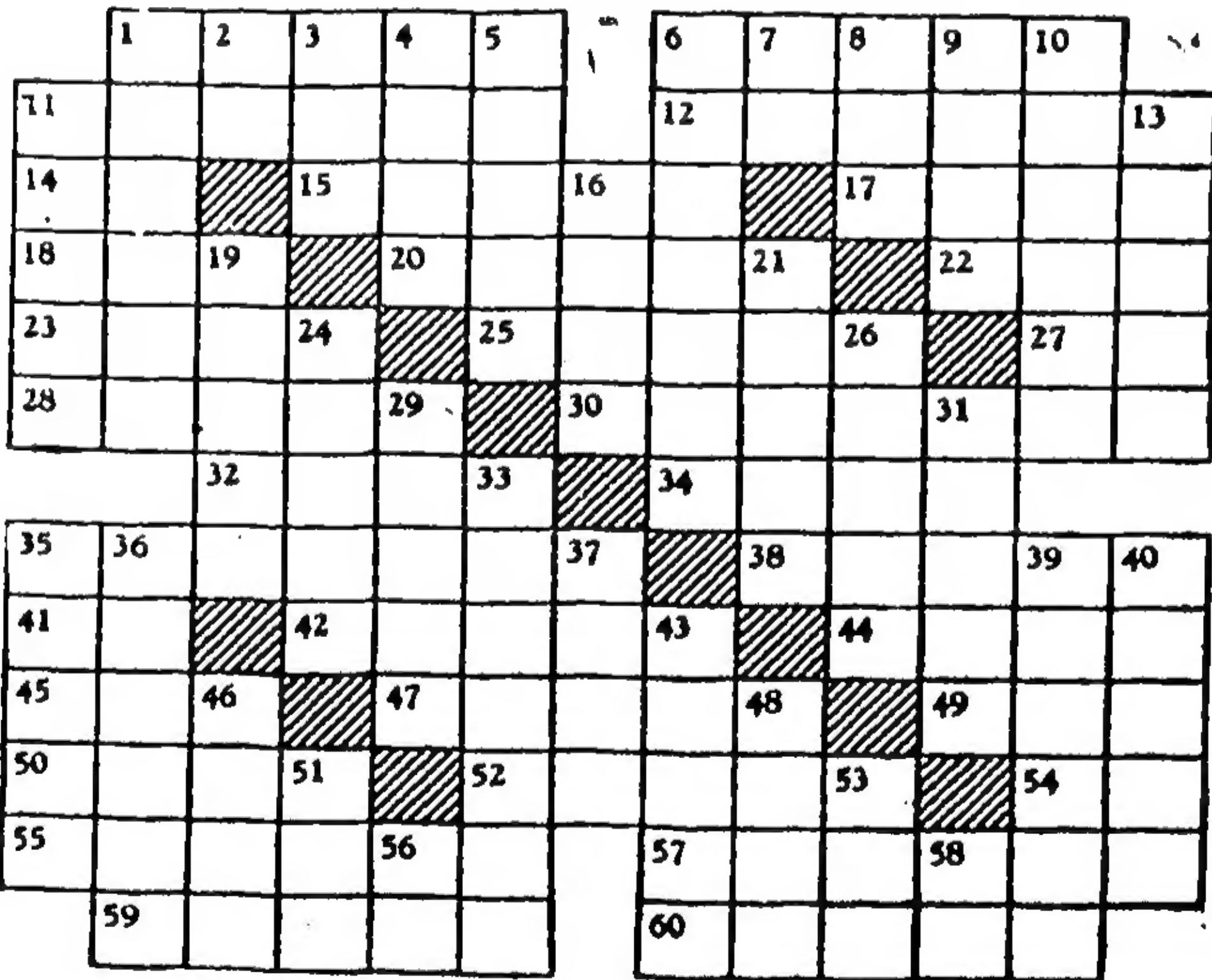
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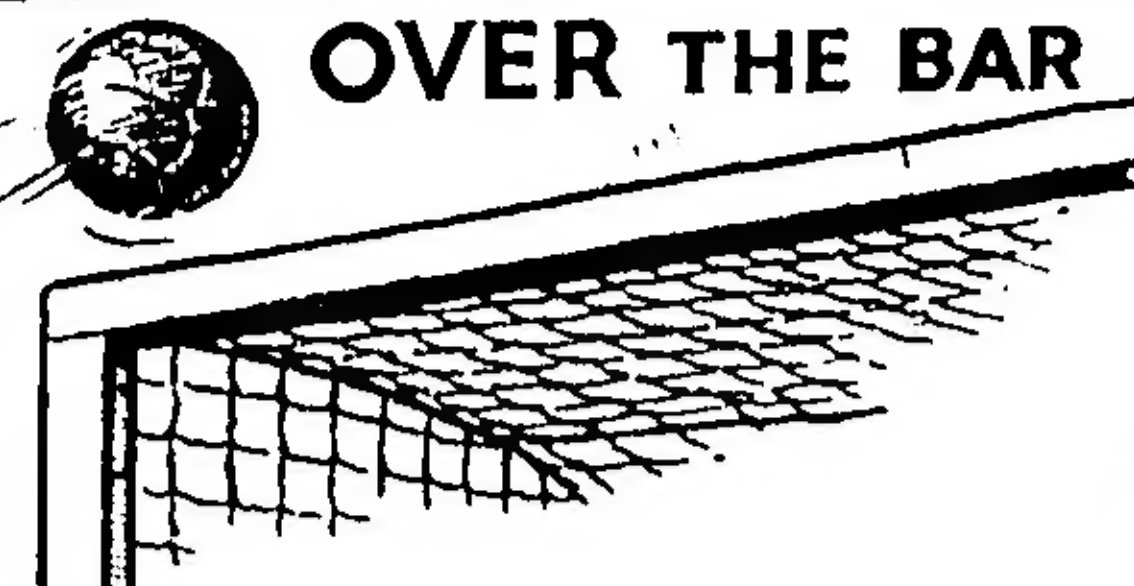
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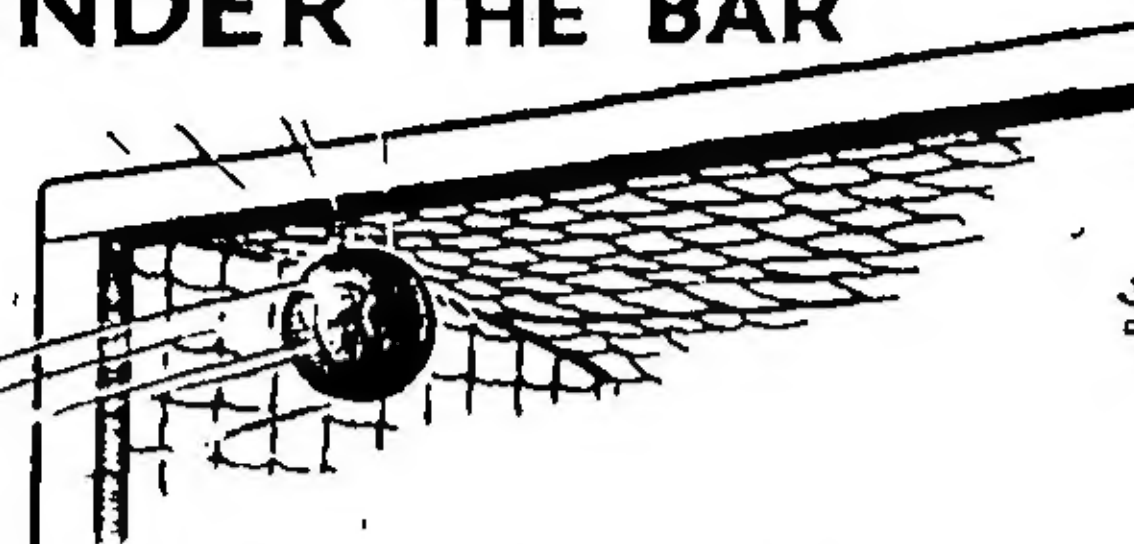
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BIG BLOW BY R.A.F. IN 1941 --U.S. VIEW

"WE WILL NOT BE surprised if England, led by the R.A.F., wins the war in 1941." This declaration is made by the magazine, "Flying and Popular Aviation," which has a high reputation in American flying circles.

"Few people realise the scope of the offensive the British are almost certain to launch next spring or summer," the magazine says. "To-day the British warplane production is tremendous, even from the standpoint of present American production.

"Canada has already trained tens of thousands of military flyers, and additional tens of thousands are being trained. Several thousand flyers soon will come to the United States for initial training at many schools that have been training U.S. Army pilots.

"By next summer Britain will have thousands of first-line warplanes in reserve, including several thousand of the most modern American warplanes.

"The R.A.F. will have sufficient numbers of Bell Aircobras and Curtiss P.40s to wipe the German air force from the skies over England.

"Britain's long-range Wellington bombers will be augmented by numbers of Consolidated B.24s and Boeing Flying Fortresses.

Devastating Bombing

"They will carry the actual offensive over Germany. B.17s will be supported by long-range, heavy bombers at altitudes of 20,000 feet.

"German fighters will be forced to fight against them. But the German fighters will be out of the sky after German industry.

"At 20,000 feet British bombers will be out of range of anti-aircraft fire. Sound detectors are nearly useless at such a range. German interceptors could not reach the high altitudes before the bombers' work was done and they were on their way home.

"So German and Italian industry will be subjected to devastating bombing raids in broad daylight as well as at night.

"The result will be: How long will Germany be able to stand total war more devastating than that to which London has been subjected?

CUPID IN RETREAT

After walking out with a girl for four years and giving her an engagement ring, a man, it was stated in an undefended breach of promise suit at Swansea, sent her this letter:—

"Madam: From several circumstances which have occurred I feel assured that our marriage would only be productive of mutual misery, especially as I with sorrow perceive that our dispositions are by no means alike.

"Thus expressed it is best to retreat in time.

"I have therefore to state that I beg permission to decline further intercourse of a tender nature.

"I am, Ada, your obedient servant, E. J. Evans."

It was stated that the man's parents were against the marriage and that he admitted that his mother had dictated the letter.

Damages of £110, including £10 special damages and costs, were awarded to the plaintiff, Miss Katherine May Jones, twenty-four, seamstress, of Courtlands Road, Forest Pontardulais, against Emlyn John Evans, a burner, employed at Swansea.

Evidence was given that the engagement ring was given to the girl in July and the marriage arranged. The letter was dated October 2 last.

DEATH HAD FIRST CALL

A telephone bell shrilled persistently through a warden's post at Ilminster Avenue, Bristol, but the man sitting in front of the instrument did not lift his hand to the receiver.

At the other end a white-faced woman, who had been wondering why her husband had not come home, raised the alarm. In a few moments she knew the reason he had not replied, and would never answer her again.

Through the night, Warden Edward Dowling, forty-eight, of Kerry Road, Bristol, had been sitting dead at his post of duty. Near him, dead on a camp bed, lay Messenger Frederick Jenkins, seventeen, of Carlsbrook Road, Bristol. The room was full of gas.

Mr. E. Rosewell, post warden, who found the bodies, said: "It looks as if, turning in his sleep, the boy moved the camp bed and knocked one of the legs against a gas pipe.

A Misunderstanding

"Mr. Dowling apparently became unconscious as he was rising to investigate the leak.

"He should have been relieved earlier, but through a misunderstanding the duty man did not come on at the usual time."

Mrs. Elisabeth Jenkins said: "Fred has been out through all the worst of the raids.

"In one blitz he dashed down



Loretta Young, who is co-starred with Melvyn Douglas in "He Stayed for Breakfast," at the King's Theatre.

19 OF FAMILY GIVE BLOOD

Twenty-six members of the Jacobs family marched into a New York hospital and said in unison: "We want to give our blood to Britain."

Led by Wallace Jacobs, of Forest Hills, Long Island, the party included his wife and two sons, sisters, brothers, nephews, nieces, aunts and uncles.

Soon nineteen of them, including Miss Julia Jacobs, aged six, were giving blood for shipment to Britain's wounded.

The remaining seven, rejected for health or age reasons, wept their protests.

"The Jacobs family admire Britain so much that we feel honoured to mingle our blood with her," Wallace Jacobs said. "But to-day's effort is nothing.

"Wait until next month, when the family will be fully mobilised for a bigger and better march on the hospital. Then there will be thirty-five to forty Jacobs—all my relatives. There will, too, be at least 200 friends."

to our shelter to see if we were all right."

Mrs. Dowling said: "My husband was in the Navy and went through the whole of the last war, although he was torpedoed three times."

ANOTHER U-BOAT SENT TO BOTTOM

A GUN BOOMED, and in the split second between that warning and the ringing of the alarm bell heavy boots began clattering on iron steps as the convoy men raced to action stations.

A U-boat had been sighted; the hunt was on. Depth charges were set ready, gunners stood by eagerly, sound detectors got to work, and a trawler chugged along, guided by the sound locators, ferreting out the skulking U-boat.

Then came the signal that put every man on his toes. "Enemy located." From that moment there was not much hope for Jerry.

He tried to circle to safety but the trawler, too altered course, and quickly closed in.

Over the side went the depth charges, and the trawler raced on. Relentlessly the trawler turned to run in for the second attack. The submarine lay still, either stricken or foxing.

Already there was some thin oil on the surface of the sea. Again the trawler raced over the spot and more depth charges went hurtling over.

But the trawler turned again to investigate, taking no chances.

"The blie!" came on deck from the engine-room. "Any bodies yet?" he asked grimly, for

he had a score to settle. He lost his brother in a minesweep only a week ago.

He decided to attack again, so the trawler made a third attack. Then the coxswain dropped a buoy carrying a red flag and a lamp to mark the spot.

Sparks had passed the running commentary of the attack over the air to the base. Back came the wireless message ordering the trawler to stand by during the night lest any sign of life should come from the submarine.

And if that was not enough for the Admiralty won't write of a U-boat without being certain down brought a destroyer to the spot to check evidence of the kill. Just one more U-boat gone to the bottom.

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DIPLOMACY OF TERROR

By the manner in which he has handled the Balkan nations—keeping them divided, working on their mutual jealousies and immemorial feuds, concentrating his pressure on one country at a time, enforcing "moderate" demands which enable him when granted to make further and less moderate demands, infiltrating one country after another "peacefully" with "military instructors," "technicians" and "fourths" until the number and equipment are great enough to render further disguise needless—by tactics such as these, Hitler has once more shown himself to be a diplomatic strategist of consummate cunning. Just as before he made outright war Hitler had marched from one "bloodless" conquest to another—Austria, the Sudetenland, Czechoslovakia, Memel—so now, resuming this "bloodless" conquest even within a war, he has tightened the Nazi vise successively around Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, and has begun to apply it to Yugoslavia.

For Hitler has mastered the lesson which, in spite of repeated demonstrations, his victims and opponents have been so slow to learn—that "diplomacy" and "war" are not two separate things but merely two aspects of the same thing. They are both part of that Grand Strategy which has been denied as that which so directs and integrates the policies and armaments of the nation that the resort to war is either rendered unnecessary or is undertaken with the maximum chances of victory. And in this broadened conception of strategy, the dividing line between "peace" and "war" all but disappears.

In using diplomacy as an instrument of war, in driving a diplomatic wedge between countries to make a later military wedge unnecessary, in using threats, so to speak, to economise on army divisions, Hitler and his Axis partners have the great advantage over their democratic opponents—not only of being unscrupulous and ruthless, but of having established solid reputations for those qualities. When they threaten they are able to show their intended victims that they have not hesitated in the past to machine-gun civilians and to wipe out open cities, sometimes purely as a "demonstration." Whichever side a weak neutral country may prefer to help, Hitler feels that he can terrorise it into helping him.

But there is one weakness in this formidable-looking structure. It depends absolutely and at all times on strength at the centre. It is not only Hitler's victims that are kept in line through fear of him; his ostensible friends and allies, Russia, Japan, Italy, even Austria, even great numbers of Germans, hate and fear him no less. If the Nazi leaders were once revealed to be weak at the centre, their whole "new order" would quickly fall into fragments. Of their opponents this is not true. If a single bomb were to destroy a handful of Nazi leaders, the whole aspect of the world might change in a few weeks; but if such a bomb were to wipe out the present British Cabinet, great as the loss would be it would not change at all the determination of the British people to carry on the war. If England itself were invaded and subjugated, the fight for freedom would go on in other parts of the British Commonwealth.

It is possible for tyranny to be struck down by a well-directed blow, but throughout the world men will fight for their liberty as long as they retain the power to carry on the struggle.

An Air Offensive?

By Hanson W. Baldwin

The final humiliation and virtual destruction of Marshal Graziani's thoroughly beaten Libyan Army have provided the highlights in the Mediterranean theatre of the war.

But, important though the British victory has been in the orbit of Mediterranean conflict and perhaps in consequences yet to be felt, it is perhaps rivaled in significance by the British air offensive against the Channel coast.

Not only do the continued assaults by British bombers against the so-called invasion ports indicate British determination to test the Germans to the punch and to throw off balance a possible invasion attempt but their importance is underscored by the methods adopted.

Here are no sporadic hit-and-run raids, but the inception, according to British officers, of an air offensive against German-dominated territory that Britain hopes can be continued until the war ends. The raids are distinguished, first, by the fact that they are made in daylight; second, in being protected by mass fighter patrols, and these fighter patrols, it is indicated, will be kept over the coast of the Continent daily.

Heretofore most of the British bombing has been done by night; intermittent raids have been carried out in daylight, generally against coastal points, but not—except for a brief period—

the invasion threat of last autumn—in the continuous, determined manner started recently. And usually the bombers that made these raids have operated unprotected by fighters.



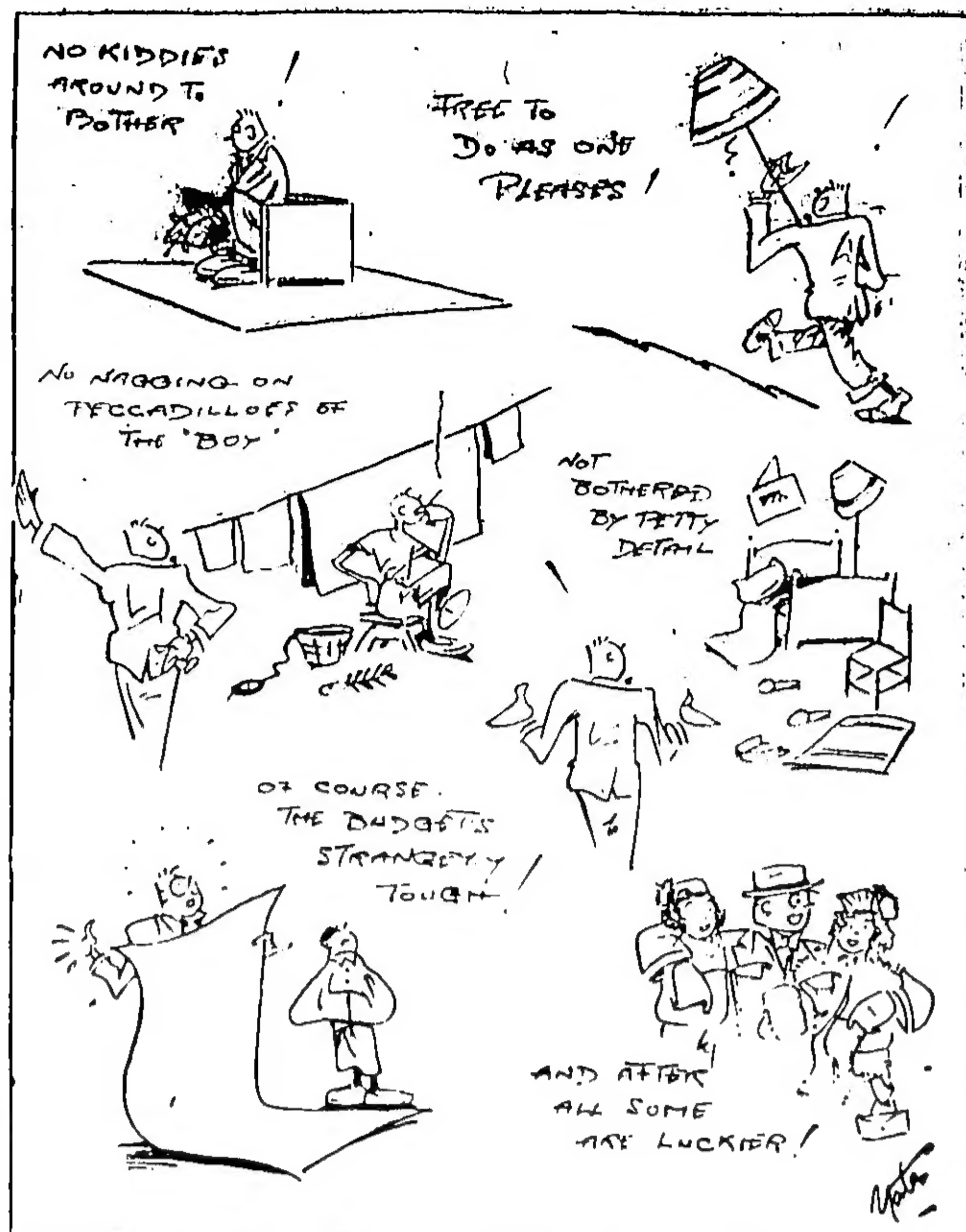
Lessons of Air War Applied

The new procedure indicates many things. First, that the British have found out, as the Germans previously learned, that daylight bombing without fighter protection is too expensive in machines and pilot loss to make the game worth the candle, largely unnoticed, British bombers (shot down in both daylight and night raids) in many cases have exceeded the German losses.

Second, the aerial offensive means Britain has seized the initiative and struck first. Third, it means we have been playing during the winter a considerable reserve of planes and pilot and now feel strong enough in the air to strike in daylight with confidence. Fourth, it means we have acquired fighters in sufficient numbers to enable daylight fighter defence of British and fighter protection of our British bombers.

But it must be remembered that the daylight bombing raids have so far been concentrated largely against coastal points, in occupied

SMITH YATES ON AN OLD ISSUE



WHO WOULDN'T BE AN EVACUEE HUSBAND?

France and Belgium, very close to British air bases. No long-range accompanying fighters are needed in such forays; the Spitfires and Hurricanes, fast and manoeuvrable, that are the principal mainstay of the defence of Britain, can, despite their limited range, fulfill the role of accompanying fighters when the objectives are only 50 to 150 miles away.

Britain apparently has not yet produced or acquired in quantity a long-range fighter capable of stabbing with the bombers deep into Germany or German-occupied territory, and until she does, until she is strong enough to bomb in daylight as in dark, the "bombing offensive" so often discussed,

and which may have been initiated in a limited fashion, cannot amount to much as an instrument for the defeat of Germany.

Whether bombing alone, without the actual aid of land troops, can ever bring Germany to her knees is, in any case, very questionable. For Germany is now sprawled across the map of Europe and the targets for raiding British bombers are innumerable.



Vast Force Would Be Needed

Some 200 bombers a night are but a drop in the bucket of the total war. Even 2,000 raiding bombers daily would probably fail to loosen the Nazi grip upon Germany. Yet, to operate 2,000 bombers continuously day after day for a protracted period there would have to be available at least 6,000 bombers—more likely 10,000—and at least 6,000 pilots and air crews, and there would have to be replacements coming from the factories and the training schools of at least 200 bombers and 200 pilots and air crews daily. For one must reckon on at least 10 per cent losses on each raid.

The terrific industrial and tactical problems in the way of continuous mass bombardments were strikingly illustrated by the waxing and waning of the German air offensive last autumn; the assaults upon England could be kept at a peak only for a brief time.

World War experience demonstrated the immensity of the task. The British found that to maintain 1,800 planes in operation in France—not all of which, by any means, were operated daily—and more than 300 planes in operation in England for home defence, a monthly output of 1,500 planes was needed, which is probably the maximum output of Britain today. The French calculated on a monthly output of 2,400 planes and 4,000 engines monthly to maintain a tactical force of 4,000 aircraft, probably only one-half to two-thirds of which was ever operating simultaneously.

In 1918, the average monthly output of Britain was 2,668 planes and 1,841 engines; for France it was 2,852 planes and 3,359 engines (planes and engines of design far simpler than they are today), a combined monthly output of 5,520 planes and 5,200 engines, considerably more (in planes) than Germany is producing today, considerably more than any planned schedules of future American production.

The start of the British daylight bombing raids, therefore, while indicating increased British strength, should not be misconstrued. For the sheer physical difficulty of providing the thousands and thousands of bombers required to produce decisive effects seems almost insuperable.

Germans In Norway

Norway is the only country in the world where the Nazis are on the defensive. More than that. In spite of all their ruthlessness, the representatives of the 100-million-master-race quite often take a severe beating, literally and symbolically, at the hands of their 3,000,000-Norwegian "subjects." True the Nazis have looted the country exhaustively, they have sent thousands to concentration camps. They have shot people at random whenever the instigator of an act of sabotage could not be found and they have made the streets of Oslo swarm with beggars. (Up to last Spring no living Norwegian had ever seen a beggar in the capital.)

But they could not quell the spirit of the people. The whole nation is on the offensive against the invaders and the result of this offensive has been described best by Maj. Quisling's aide, Nils Flom, in the official organ of Nasjonal Samling, the Quisling Party, "Fritt Folk" (Free People): "Even Nasjonal Samling men have a right to exist," wrote the Norwegian Fascist leader. Then he went on: "We need newspapers supporting our case or we must have access to local papers because we must give our opinion to counter-balance the opposition which now completely dominates the situation." This complaint was voiced at the beginning of this month, little short of a year after the country had been invaded by the Nazis!



While in other occupied countries opposition or sabotage is individualistic or the work of small groups, fighting more or less underground, in Norway not only the whole population but also those who are left of their former ad-

ministration interfere with all orders coming from Hitler's puppet, the traitor Vidkun Quisling. Only last month 500 local administrators were imprisoned for sabotaging government orders. The Mayor of one city, a rather well-known nationalist leader, withdrew the licence of the biggest hotel in the city because the owner had per-

By Otto Zausmer

mitted the use of the auditorium for Quisling meetings. That was a month ago; he is still in jail. He does not even answer letters or orders from Oslo.

The Nazis have threatened that they would enforce their will upon the Norwegians by military power. But that did not frighten the people because they could not be intimidated by the present army of occupation and maintain that they would not give in to a bigger, even more brutal army.

The Germans, on the other hand, are in a bad position. It is impossible for the Nazi party to convince the German people that the Norwegians are not at least as "good Aryans" as are the Germans. And while the Germans could be persuaded that Norway had to be occupied for the German Reich they will not believe that the Norwegians are "under dogs" like the Czechs or the Poles, whom the Germans have always disliked.

Ill-feeling has been created in Germany when the Scandinavians have been handled roughly. It would be far more unpleasant if the rules were stiffened. That is why Herr Hitler prefers that the Norwegian Fascists handle the situation alone. Now, since it does not look as if they could do the job, the Nazis are about to conscript volunteers of the youngest Storm Troopers, born after

the World War, and send them to Norway.



They will have to police not only the people, but also the police. Like other officials, the police throughout Norway close their eyes to all acts of sabotage. Just a few weeks ago a warning was issued to the people of Alesund, reading: "Yesterday 33 citizens were arrested because they staged open anti-German street demonstrations and insulted a German guard. The police took a lenient attitude towards the demonstrators and consequently the extent of manifestations has increased."

Harsh measures taken by the Minister of Police stirred so much hatred against him that he felt it necessary to justify his deeds and plead with the people for co-operation. He made a speech to this effect, but only Quislingists came to the meeting and people turned off their radios when he started talking.

There are very few sympathisers with the Nazis. Girls who are seen with Germans on the streets are seized and their hair is cut. Michael Staksrud, up to a year ago Norway's pride, her world champion in ice racing, was recently found dead in a lake near Oslo after he had been missing for weeks. He was a member of the Quisling Elite Guard.

Day by day people cross the frontier into Sweden and report to friends important Nazi secrets which are then transmitted to England by amateur radio stations. Or a small boat swiftly leaves one of the thousands of fjords on a voyage to England with vital information. This is one of the reasons why an attempt to invade England from Norway would be known in England almost before the Germans could weigh anchor.



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BABIES IN SEA SAVED BY SHIP'S CRANE

THREE BABY SURVIVORS of the torpedoed liner Western Prince — one in a box marked "Baby, with care" — were hoisted to safety in an Atlantic storm by a ship's crane.

As the survivors' boats pitched in the seas, baskets were lowered, and into these the babies were carefully pulled up to the ship's deck by the crane.

In the "Baby with care" box, specially designed for the ocean crossing, was three months old Alexandra Bankoff, daughter of a Harley Street surgeon, who was with her mother. Mrs. Bankoff was also saved.

She told a London reporter: "When the ship was torpedoed we put a lifejacket on baby, placed her in the special carrier, and lowered her over the ship's side into the lifeboat. The sailors said: 'That baby will never live in that box.' But it turned out to be a perfect little Noah's Ark."

Mrs. Bankoff made the journey to Canada to have her baby "in peace." Her husband was speeding to see her — and to see his daughter for the first time.

Fifty-three passengers and ninety-nine of the crew had been landed at a West Coast port.

Six passengers and eleven of the crew were lost. It is understood the captain went down with the liner.

The master, Captain Reid, could easily have saved his life. But he went to the bridge, and as his ship went down sounded three blasts on his siren. It was his last salute.

Another who died was the captain's steward, Franks.

He, too, could have saved his life. He was safe in one of the lifeboats when he remembered that still in the liner was £100 contributed as a Spitfire fund by the crew from their wages and tips. He obtained the keys and went back.

The night before the attack a honeymoon couple named Allan gave a party. It was the bride's birthday, and passengers sang "Here Comes the Bride."

Next day, when the liner was sinking, the Allans went back to

their cabin to collect their wedding presents. They lost their lives.

The other babies hoisted to safety by the rescue ship's crane are Mary Dent, eleven months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Dent, returning from the West Indies (also saved), and Roderick Henderson, twenty months, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Henderson, from Rio de Janeiro.

Experts Saved

Mr. Bankoff began a dash from London to see for the first time his baby daughter.

Mrs. Bankoff had gone to Canada shortly after the outbreak of war with the idea of having her baby "in peace." The child was born in Montreal.

The survivors include the Hon. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supplies, Mr. E. P. Taylor, Canadian Director-General of Munitions Production, and Colonel W. C. Woodburn, Executive Assistant to the Ministry.

One of their colleagues, however, was drowned. He was the Hon. Gordon W. Scott, financial adviser to Mr. Howe's department.

Five lifeboats were safely returned. The sixth lifeboat overturned, and it was then that casualties occurred.

Mr. Howe said the E-boat took flash-light photographs of the sinking liner.

8, ALONE IN HOUSE OF DEATH

Alone, without fire or food, an eight-year-old girl evacuee lived and slept in a house in which a man and woman lay dead on the floor of the living room.

Only when she was ravenous with hunger did she call out to a neighbour.

"I shook them both and called to them, but they did not move," little girl told a policeman later. The couple were Mrs. Amelia Elizabeth Spratt, aged seventy-three, of Melbourne-cottages, Pemberton Road, Lyndhurst, Hants, and John James Field, eighty-two-year-old naval pensioner who lodged with her.

"I Called To Them..."

The old couple had died because the tap of a gas oven had been left on accidentally.

At the inquest the coroner, Mr. Percy Ingoldby, said the child was too young to give evidence, but she had described to the police what happened.

The neighbour she called was Mr. Ernest Veal, and the girl said:

"They were both lying on the floor the day before Mr. Veal came. I shook them both when they were on the floor and called to them, but they did not move."

"I was cold and hungry, and brought my blanket and lay down on the sofa. Mr. Field was down on the floor first and Mrs. Spratt tried to get him up. I tried to help, but he would not shift."

"I cannot remember which day that was. I did not see Mrs. Spratt lay on the floor, but I saw her there afterwards."

Verdict: Death by misadventure.

NO SOAP SALES IN DENMARK

All sale of soap in Denmark has been stopped by order of the Minister of Commerce, states the Copenhagen wireless service, which adds that severe rationing will follow.

15-MINUTE SKY CHASE TO KILL

AN R.A.F. SPITFIRE PILOT chased a German Messerschmidt 109 about the sky over Kent for fifteen minutes in one of the most spectacular air fights of the war. This action is reported in the squadron logbook covering recent air battles over England.

The German pilot used every possible evasive tactic—flying into the sun, inverted flight, half-roll skis and climbing turns—but the Spitfire pilot hung grimly on to his tail firing methodically each time the enemy came within his sight.

"As we crossed the coast west of Dungeness—the fight started near Tonbridge—his cockpit hood came off," says the Spitfire pilot. "The enemy pilot made no attempt to get out and the Messerschmidt crashed into the sea south-west of Dungeness."

The Messerschmidt was one of several scattered enemy fighters, eight of which were shot down by a Spitfire squadron in an afternoon battle over Kent. Not a single Spitfire was lost or damaged.

Eight pilots each bagged a victim. Here are stories of the others:—

Nearly Collided

1.—A Sergeant Pilot: "After I had fired two bursts I saw black smoke and flames coming from the enemy machine and had to turn sharply to avoid crashing into it. Another Messerschmidt 109 sailed past and as I turned to attack it I saw the first one go diving down well on fire."

2.—A Flight Lieutenant: "My enemy aircraft turned straight into the sun. I gave him a burst

to discourage him. He immediately turned and I closed to fifty yards and finished him off. He crashed near Tonbridge."

3.—A Flight Lieutenant: "The enemy turned sharp left and fired at two of our Spitfires. I closed and fired a short burst. Light and dark smoke streamed out of the Messerschmidt, which soon afterwards landed south of Ashford with a bad engine."

4.—A Flying Officer: "I singled out a Messerschmidt whose pilot half-rolled then went down nearly vertically. I had to do a steep diving turn to catch up on him. I put a long burst into the fuselage, and a few seconds later flames started blazing out of his tail."

"The flames slowly crept up the fuselage until the machine was blazing. It crashed north of Folkestone."

CRY REVEALS A DEATH

The crying of a child revealed the death of Mrs. Flora Knill, twenty-five-year-old wife of a soldier at Port Tennant, Swansea. She was the daughter of a Belgian settled in the district. The child's crying was heard by another occupant of the house, who entered Mrs. Knill's room and found her sitting with the younger of her two children, aged two. She had been dead about three hours.

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ENGLISH BOY EVACUEE HAS A BODYGUARD

AN ENTOURAGE consisting of one bodyguard, one private chauffeur and one tutor accompany a six-year-old British evacuee, George Smith, when he goes to his exclusive private school near Locust Valley, Long Island.

George, with his fourteen-month-old sister and his uncle, eleven-year-old Lord Primrose, are known by British children as the "Luckiest Evacuees," because they are guests at the mansion of J. P. Morgan, one of the world's richest men.

Villages in the neighbourhood are buzzing with stories of the life of the luckiest children and of the elaborate precautions taken to protect them from molestation.

Angel-faced Lord Primrose is said to be so high-spirited that his pranks have awed, if not frightened, the numerous guards on day and night duty on the estate.

George and his sister are the children of the Hon. Hugh Vivian Smith and Lady Helen Smith. Lord Primrose is the son of Lord Rosebery.

About Lord Primrose are told stories of apple pie beds, tray rides down thickly-carpeted stairs from mysterious catapulta or per-shooters.

Some reached a New York newspaper, which remarks: "Lord Primrose's pranks have not always merited a smile of approval from his august host."

The children are strictly forbidden to speak to strangers.

Village children gasp as they see little George being motored to school with his protective trio.

His angel-faced lordship George, and his little sister all adore Mr. Morgan, who, known in Wall Street as a stern business man, is to them a rollicking uncle, despite apple pie beds and per-shooters.

"Exaggeration"

Lady Rosebery told a London reporter: "I think there has been some American newspaper exaggeration going on."

"These alleged pranks all seem entirely harmless and normal in a schoolboy, but I'm not sure that they should be pinned on to Lord Primrose. He has been away at school since the end of August, anyway, so they can't be taking place now, if they ever did."

"As for the story about a bodyguard, I think that is highly coloured. George Smith goes to school with a chauffeur and naturally it is advisable to take sensible precautions in America, but I understood both boys were meeting local children quite freely."

WARNED HE WOULD ESCAPE

After writing home from a prison camp that he intended to escape, a nineteen-year-old North Shields boy put his plans into practice — and succeeded.

Jimmy Barnes, son of Sergeant-Major and Mrs. W. H. Barnes, of Bedford Street, North Shields, was one of the crew of a coaster captured in the River Seine when the Nazis took Paris.

Now he has reached British territory after a 600-mile hike across France, during which he spent nine weeks in different prisons and escaped three times out of enemy hands.

Yet, after hardship and semi-starvation, all he wants to do is to get back to sea.

His mother told a reporter: "I knew they would not keep Jimmy a prisoner for long. He is a devil of a lad, and would just glory in such an adventure."

"When his ship was captured by the Germans, he was taken to Paris. He escaped from there and reached Cherbourg. Once more he escaped and got to St. Nazaire."

"Then he was captured and sent to a military prison camp from which he and a Scottish soldier

COCKATOO FLIES IN AIR BATTLE

He (or maybe she—nobody is sure on this point) is believed to be the only cockatoo in the world to have gone into action against the enemy in an air battle.

"Cocky" is the mascot of a flight of Coastal Command Anson aircraft.

The cockatoo, he belongs to the Flight Commander, but in practice the whole flight belongs to "Cocky."

This white cockatoo with a bright yellow crest, a doubtful temper and the squadron's official stamp inked on his wing, lives in the Flight Office.

His perch is the bottom rung of the Flight Commander's chair; his recreation the playful biting of the trouser legs of anybody who comes along to speak to the Flight Commander.

Although he is five years old, "Cocky" is not yet able to fly under his own power. His single attempt to fly to the roof of his Flight Office ended in a regrettable forced landing.

But recently he was taken from one aerodrome to another in one of the Ansons.

Quickly Air-Minded

His cage was put on the floor of the aircraft, and after showing a little anxiety as the aircraft took off, "Cocky" settled down to the trip wonderfully well. He became, so the crew said, quite air-minded.

Soon afterwards, however, the Anson turned to investigate another aircraft which was flying over the sea. It proved to be British.

They had just turned away again when they met a Messerschmitt 109.

"It flashed across ahead of us at about 150 yards range," said the air gunner, "and I felt the vibration as our pilot let drive with the front gun."

"We turned for shore, zig-zagging as only an Anson can. Poor old 'Cocky' was thrown about all over his cage. Although we could not hear what he was saying, judging by his expression the language must have been awful."

"Then a second Messerschmitt joined the first. They circled round, keeping well out of range of our guns and finally made off towards the French coast."

made their final escape and got across the Spanish frontier."

"Jimmy told us in his letters that he intended attempting an escape," said his father, who is a local recruiting officer. "I cannot understand how his letters passed the censor."

From what he described as "a sort of prison camp," Jimmy had written: "I am not staying here much longer, because if I do I shall go mad. This inactivity would make the best of men go loony."

"The authorities treat us like dirt."

SKY BLITZ FOR TWO

An aerial blitzkrieg on two men is being waged in the mountainous district near Middlesborough, Kentucky.

Sheriffs are pouring hand grenades from four planes, hoping to bomb from their hiding place killer Clyde Buchanan and his 19-year-old son.

The Buchanans fled to the mountains after killing a sheriff, wounding another, and critically wounding Middlesborough's police chief, who had tried to arrest them for alleged theft.

Ringed the district where the father and son are believed to be hiding is an army of 1,200 infuriated men and women who swear they will string them up in Middlesborough main street if they are caught alive.

County Attorney Walter Smith, who from Middlesborough headquarters is directing operations like a general said:

"This is the biggest man hunt in the history of our State. The Buchanans will soon be captured, dead or alive."

AIR HERO MARRIES

Flight-Lieutenant Jerrard Jeffries, of Leamington Spa, whose marriage to Miss Winifred Mary Butler, of Harrogate, is announced, was awarded the D.F.C. in September.

As a Flight Commander in the Czech Fighter Squadron of the R.A.F., he was one of four British airmen decorated this month with the Czechoslovak Military Cross.

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It is hereby notified for general information that the first public session of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be held shortly on a date to be announced by proclamation in the Gazette and all persons wishing to testify before the said Commissioners are requested to give written notice to the undersigned at the Colonial Secretary's Office by the earliest possible date together with a brief memorandum of the evidence which they propose to offer.

The examination of witnesses will be held in public but the Commissioners may, if requested to do so for good cause, direct that the whole or part of any witness's evidence may be taken in private. Any request to this effect should be included in the above-mentioned memorandum.

K. M. A. BARNETT, Secretary to the Commissioners, Hong Kong, 6th March, 1941.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

Tennis Tournament, 1941

Closing date of ENTRIES has been extended to SATURDAY, 8th March, 1941, at 6.00 p.m.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1940, at the rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling at exchange 1/2 7/8 is payable on and after the 26th February, 1941, at the offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
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NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

KAN TONG FO, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 20th February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding share of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such share so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.
2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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NOTE: Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares) to be offered to them under the preceding resolution upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

BRIDGE NOTES

Crime Doesn't Pay!

No. 33

By The Four Aces

To-day's Crime is contributed by a Baltimore reader:

South, Dealer East-West vulnerable

♠ J 6
♥ A 10 8 4
♦ Q 10 7 4
♣ K J 6
N
W E
S
♠ K Q 10 7
♥ 5 2
♦ A 8 2
♣ 10 7 3
♠ A 9 8 4 2
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ 6
♣ A Q 8

The bidding:

South West North East
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass

"West opened a trump," writes our contributor. "South winning with the seven Declarer promptly cashed the spade Ace and led another spade. West winning with the ace Queen and returning another trump. South won and led a spade, ruffing with dummy's heart ten, but East over-ruffed with the Jack

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR ACES SYSTEM

ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 1

(which he had saved for just that purpose). Thereafter, South ruffed with dummy's ace and a diamond, going down one.

"Not observed, at that point, that all the butchers aren't in the room. In fact, but refused to say how he thought the hand should have been played. Was South actually at fault, or was he just unlucky?"

South was a criminal, but he was also unlucky. It was very unfortunate to find a 5-1 spade break, particularly with East in position to over-ruff the dummy. But South need not have exposed himself to this risk. Correct play is to lead a diamond at the second trick. A trump return can be won with dummy's ten, after which South ruffs a diamond. The Jack of clubs is entry for another diamond ruff, and the King of clubs enables dummy to draw East's last trump. Declarer thus makes four trumps, two ruffs, three clubs, and one spade—a total of ten

FLOUR FOR 4,000 LOAVES WASTED

Mrs. Lillian Van Ryn, of Tilkeley, Essex, was fined £3, with one guinea costs, at Old Street, on a charge of causing a quantity of flour and salt to be wasted at Bishop's Way, Bethnal Green. The case was the sequel to the bombing of a bakery.

It was stated that food officers called in October and saw over three tons of flour lying about. They told servants that it should be safeguarded, but on a later call it was found that 1,224lb of flour and 40lb of salt had been rendered unfit for consumption. This represented 4,700 loaves, enough to feed 9,000 people for one day.

On Mrs. Van Ryn's behalf it was stated that she had "gone through hell" in October. Her house was bombed and her bakery damaged for the second time. The company from whom she bought the flour would not take it away without a certificate of its fitness, and three efforts to obtain one failed.

FRITZ FRETS

The long nights in Norway are apparently depressing German soldiers and the German radio has appealed for fretsaws for the troops so that they can relieve the tedium by wood carving. Associated Press.

tricks. Two ruffs were needed for the contract, and South should have seen that ruffing the short diamond suit was safer than ruffing the long spade suit.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ Q
♦ 8 4 2
♣ Q J 6 5

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Mator
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass (7)

ANSWER. Bid three clubs. You are too strong to pass, yet, wish to discourage a no-trump contract because of your singleton heart. Bidding the clubs shows that you probably have an unbalanced hand and warns against a return to no-trump unless your partner can surely take care of the unbid suit.

Score 100% for three clubs, 40% for three diamonds or three spades, 20% for three no-trump.

Question No. 657

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues.

Schenken Jacoby You Mator
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass 3♣ Pass
3♣ Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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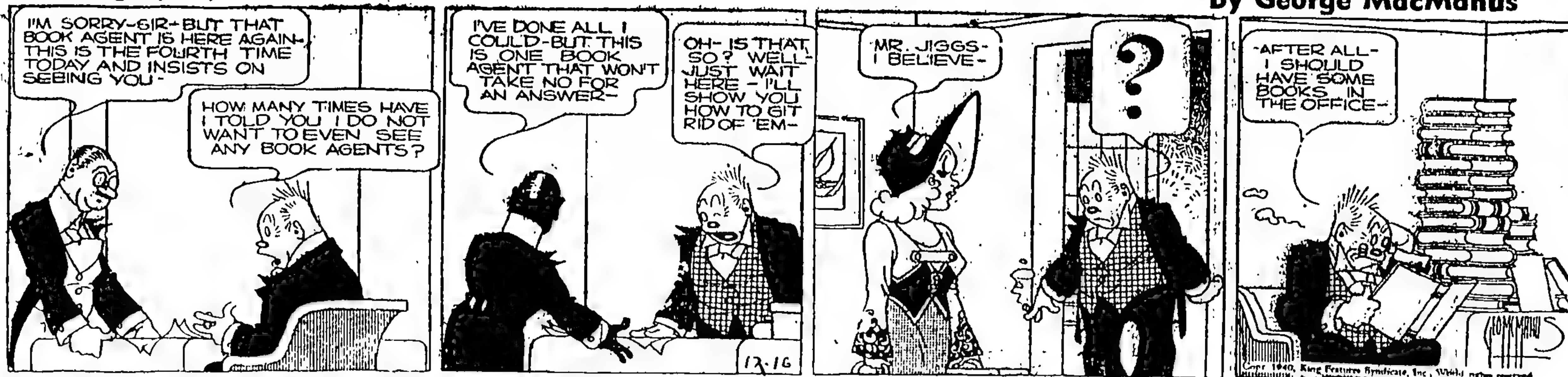
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN To Enlarge Or Reduce Bust

It is hard to believe, but it is a fact that the exercises which tend to firm and build up under-sized busts, also tend to reduce the bust if practiced diligently. This is because the busts are a mass of delicate glands, which generally need firming and they respond to exercise for firming and up-lifting. If a flabby bust is firm and un-lifted its flabbiness disappears, and it is considerably smaller in measurement.

For All Women

Many women who have fleshy busts also have heavy upper arms, according to Miss Catherine Van Rensselaer who is figure authority of the American Woman's Association. So she has suggested the following three exercises to reduce upper arms and flabby bust, or to build up undersized busts and strengthen upper arms.

SINGLE ARM CIRCLING. Stand upright, one hand on hip, the other hand closed hanging at side. Tilt your body slightly forward from the waistline and swing hanging arm forward, up and back in a full semi-circle. Do this 15 or 20 times. Reverse arm positions and repeat exercise.

ARM FLINGING WITH TRUNK TWIST. Stand with feet six or eight inches apart, body bending forward slightly from waist, head up, chin in. Swing both arms from right to left twisting trunk at waistline. Keep knees straight. Arms should not be tense. Swing back and forth in rhythm 15 to 20 times.

ARM FLINGING AND CIRCLING. Stand erect with hands crossed in front of body. Fling arms up and back four times in rhythm, ending with arms extended outward at shoulder level. Then make four circles forward with arms, and four small circles backward. Make the circles rapidly. Repeat the whole exercise five times.

Massage Also Aids

Fleshy upper arms can be considerably reduced through professional massage, but the above



THE ARM FLINGING WITH TRUNK TWIST EXERCISE described to-day by Miss Lind say.

exercise routine should be practiced faithfully for a month or two.

A woman who has extremely oversized upper arms and bust should see a physician as frequently this condition is caused by glands functioning improperly. Women with such a problem should never wear evening gowns which have no sleeves — short loose sleeves and a deep square neck are more attractive.

To Preserve Soft Skin

There are three new beauty products especially mixed for your needs.

One is (and praise be that someone thought of presenting it to us who suffer from chapping) a satiny lotion to be rubbed all over the body, hands and face, after a bath. Ages ago heated, rare oils were rubbed on the skin of famous beauties during cold weather, and we women of to-day should be thrilled that we can do likewise at little cost. This new body lotion is flesh-coloured — just to be more appealing!

For very dry skin, or faces exposed to reflected sun from snow, there is a rich protective film which keeps your face looking as dewy as a flower petal at dawn.

and it actually does prevent drying and chapping. Any woman may use this as a make-up base during nippy weather. It has the smoothness of velvet and cream, rouges blend with it exquisitely. You may wear it with or without face powder — many young things like a shining countenance instead of a matted one.

For Your Lips

You may find that your very favoured lipstick is not sufficient to keep your lips smooth and unchapped when east winds blow. To cope with this problem there is a brand new sportstick which is neither a lipstick nor a pomade. It is, however, a most excellent

foundation for your favourite lip rouge and it does a splendid job of keeping your lips invitingly smooth! You apply it naturally, before you go out of doors and you might just as well buy the boy friend one too, if he skates or skis or stich, because men simply adore them. These new sticks are creamy in shade so the sking escort will not look like a chorus boy after application!

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Spanish Programme.

The Lover and the Nightingale (Granados)... Eileen Joyce (Piano).

Granada (Albeniz)... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orch.

Malaguena—Dance Espagnole (Sarasate)... Rene Benedetti (Violin) with Piano acc.

Danza 5 (Granados)... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Piano acc.

Habanera—Dance Espagnole (Sarasate)... Rene Benedetti (Violin) with Piano acc.

Tango (Albeniz)... Barnabas Von Gezey & His Orchestra.

Soneto A Cordoba (de Falla)... Maria Barrientos (Soprano) with Piano acc.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Sam Browne (Vocal) and The London Piano-Accordeon Band.

Angeline Piccolino (Siegler); You Don't Know How Much You Can Suffer (Friend & Franklin)... The London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus.

Have You Forgotten So Soon (Gilbert & Nicholls)... Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orchestra.

Little Patchy Trousers (Noel & Pels)... The London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus.

Gee, Oh Gosh, I'm Grateful! (Nesbitt & Others)... Sam Browne and Girl Friend with Two Pianos.

They Would Wind Him Up and He Would Whistle (Kalmar & Rugs)... The London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus.

The Star and The Rose (Young & Schwartz)... Sam Browne with The Rhythm Sisters.

I have lost my Heart in Budapest (Pusztai) (Mihaly & Feiner)... Calling Me Home (Wilfred)... The London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Selections from C. B. Cochran's Shows.

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'Home and Beauty'... Magda Neeld, Janet Lind and Webster Booth with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Delius, Intermezzo from 'Fennimore and Gerda'... London Philharmonic Orchestra.

To the Queen of my Heart; Love's Philosophy... Heddle Nash (Tenor) with Gerald Moore (Piano).

Koanga—Closing Scene... London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.

Caprice... Beatrice Harrison ('Cello) with Orchestra.

Summer Night on the River... Sir Thomas Beecham cond. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam'. Edwin Murrow interviews Allstar Cook.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—They All Laughed; I've Got Beginner's Luck (both from 'Shall we Dance').

Quicksteps—Millenberg Joys; Sugar Foot Stomp.

Fox-Trots—Here Comes the Sandman; Remember Me? (both from 'Mr. Dodd takes the Air').

Waltz—A Gift from Heaven.

Rumba—Spanish Jake (from 'Trans-

atlantic Rhythm').

Fox-Trot—It's the Natural Thing to Do (film 'Double or Nothing').

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ. The Whistler & His Dog (Pryor). By The Blue Hawaiian Waters (Ketelbey); The Vision of Fuji-San (Ketelbey).

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Variety with Fred Astair and Ginger Rogers.

Vocal—I Used to be Colour Blind (film 'Carefree')... Fred Astaire with Orchestra.

Barrel-Organ Water, Candy and Liquor (Spanish Barge's Song)... Zabaleta.

Vocal The Piccolino (film 'Top Hat')... Ginger Rogers with Orchestra.

Barrel-Organ—Life in Spain (Niolo) Zabaleta.

Vocal Ballerina (Boots), The Old Bassoon (Ashlyn)... The Three Musketeers with Piano acc.

Clarinet—Somebody's Wrong (Ursell) Ern Pettifer with Piano & Guitar.

Vocal—Isn't This a Lovely Day (from 'Top Hat')... Ginger Rogers with Orchestra.

Vocal—Bojangles of Harlem (film 'Swing Time')... Fred Astaire with Orchestra and Piano.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—I Concentrate on You; I've Got My Eyes on You (both from 'Broadway Melody of 1940')... Les Brown & His Orchestra.

Tangos—Trapo Viejo; Horas Fugaces Orquesta Tipica.

Fox-Trot—Fools Rush In; Slow Fox-Trot—Arm in Arm... Ambrose & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—April Played the Fiddle (film 'If I had my Way')... Tommy Dorsey & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—I'll Never Fail You; Waltz—Lilac of Louvain... Jack White & His Band.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.

10.15 p.m.—Billy Thorburn at the Piano.

Waltz Medley, Intro: Whispering Waltz; You got the best of the bargain; Am I the first one?

Fox-Trot Medley, Intro: Little old Lady; Please remember; So many Memories.

Waltz Medley, Intro: Giannina Mia; Don't forget the old folks at home; When I heard the Organ play.

10.25 p.m.—Musical Comedy 'Yes, Madam?' Binnie Hale, Dobby Howes and Company with the Hippodrome Theatre Orchestra cond. by Joseph Tunbridge.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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PREMIER AT OLD SCHOOL

Joins In Harrow Songs

The Prime Minister visited Harrow School recently, and joined in singing the song of his old school in Speech Room, where he received a rousing welcome.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Churchill and Mr. L. S. Amery, Col. J. C. Moore-Brabazon, Capt. David Margesson and Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, some of the Harrovian colleagues of Mr. Churchill in the Government. The Prime Minister and Mr. Amery were contemporaries in 1888 and 1889, Mr. Amery having joined the school a year earlier, in 1887.

The visitors were welcomed by the headmaster, Mr. A. P. Bossert, and in Speech Room the Head of the School, D. C. H. McLean, presented Mr. Churchill with an inscribed copy of the Harrow song. The singing was conducted by Mr. H. Haverall, the school's director of music. The programme included about a dozen songs, and when these had been completed Mr. Churchill led specially for "Glad of Old" and "Boy" to be sung.

A Special Verse

In the school song, "Stet Fortuna Domus," an extra verse was introduced in honour of Mr. Churchill's visit. This ran:

Nor less we pause in darker days

The leader of our nation,

And Churchill's name shall be a acclaim

From each new generation

While in this fight to guard the right

Our country you defend, Sir

Here grim and gay we mean to stay,

And stick it to the end, Sir

For "Forty Years on," which is regarded as the Harrovian anthem, all Old Harrovians stood up to join in, including the Prime Minister. Mr. Churchill made a short speech to the boys, in which he referred to the pleasure the songs had given him. On leaving Speech Room Mr. Churchill and his colleagues were cheered from the steps of the war memorial.

KING SAID "GIVE ME YOUR HAND"

When the King toured the bombed areas of Bristol a reporter was pressed against his back by the surge of the crowd. The King turned round and, smiling, asked: "What paper do you represent?"

"The 'Daily Mirror,'" said the reporter, and added: "We've been bombed out here, sir." With a smile the King replied: "Never mind, you're carrying on, and that's what matters."

The King not only put heart into the people of Bristol by his keenness to know how the workers had tackled their jobs under the bombs. He also had a cheery word and a smile for anyone in the crowd who happened to be near him.

Driving into one of the poorer areas of the city, the King numbered over a high pile of wreckage by a large crater.

Facing him on a mound a few feet away was a small group of people. At their head stood a young man of twenty-seven in a badly-fitting suit and a woman with a tiny baby in her arms. The King asked them to come and speak to him, and they climbed over the intervening debris.

"I am George Clifford, an ambulance driver, your Honour," said the young man. "I lived just here with my wife and little boy of three," and he pointed to a large hole where once his house had stood.

"He Was Grand"

"Were you here on the night of the raid?" asked the King.

"Yes," replied Clifford. "I am not in uniform because my clothes and everything I had were burned. But I got a family of five people out when they were trapped under the stairs of their home."

"Where was that?" asked the King.

"Under the very spot on which you are standing now, sir," said Clifford simply.

The King shook him by the hand.

"He was grand," Clifford told a reporter. "He said 'Give me your hand, I glory in your pluck.'"

"The moment the bomb had fallen, and when I knew my wife and kid were safe, I managed with other men to pull a family out of their wrecked home. We also got

a lot of men out of a shelter. Some died in my arms."

With The Baby

The King turned to Mrs. Beatrice Herbert, who was holding her nine-week-old baby, Desmond John.

"Where were you during the raid?" he asked.

"Under the stairs with the baby and three other children," said Mrs. Herbert.

The King looked at the tiny morsel of humanity. "Were you holding the baby all the time," he asked.

"Oh, yes, your Majesty," said Mrs. Herbert, "but we were trapped only about five minutes. Then they got us out."

Old Mrs. Emily Clark shook hands with the King. "It has cheered us all up your coming," she told him.

Men, women and children lining the route broke through the police cordon and thronged around him, cheering. Pressed against the bonnet of his car, the King looked across it and saw several young girls hemmed in by the crowd but still cheering.

A smile broke over his face. Then he burst out laughing as he shouted across the bonnet to Elsie Hoskins, aged fifteen, "You've caught your hair in your button."

"Thank you, your Majesty, God bless you," shouted back Elsie, as, blushing, she tried to extricate her blonde locks from her coat collar.

Queen Mary visited three hostels for air raid evacuees in Bristol after lunching with the King and hearing his impressions of the damage and the high morale of the people.

GIRL KILLED WITH BAYONET

The discovery in a cottage at Holmbury St. Mary, a small Surrey village, of the bodies of a London girl and an Army officer cadet, is being investigated by the county police.

The girl, Miss Eleanor Corbett, a secretary aged about 25, lived in Kensington, had been stabbed about seven times, apparently with a bayonet. The man, William Hitchin, 33, who lived at Burnham, Bucks, had been shot through the head. A service rifle was by his side.

A suggestion that the couple had until recently been engaged has not yet been substantiated.

In the early hours of the morning the police were called to Red Cottage Holmbury St. Mary, where an artist, his wife and secretary live. Both Miss Corbett and Hitchin were friends of theirs. The police found Miss Corbett in a bedroom, wearing a dressing gown over her night clothes, and Hitchin in a study on the ground floor. Both were dead.

Hitchin, the son of a London solicitor, was a well-known local athlete at Burnham and had been posted to a cadet unit about three months ago.

HUSBAND'S MISTAKE

WHEN SARAH BENDISH LEFT HER HUSBAND, SHE WROTE HIM A FAREWELL NOTE, BUT HER HANDWRITING WAS SO DIFFICULT TO READ THAT IT CAUSED HIM TO NAME THE WRONG MAN, NICHOLAS FLACK, AS CO-RESPONDENT.

Nicholas Flack had been on his annual elephant slaying expedition at the time and William Bendish lost the case. As he did not know where to find his wife, the matter was allowed to drop until William met the widow of the late Canon Bell Mason.

He is making considerable progress in the conquest of the mature charms of Mrs. Bell Mason when his wife suddenly reappears. Since she left her husband, Sarah has become a very successful designer of hats in New York, using the name of "Sarah Simple." The entrance of the poised and very attractive "Sarah Simple" into William Bendish's life leads to a series of complications and difficult situations. His young twin nephew and niece add to the complications, while acting as his own co-respondent, in a precarious disguise and at the village inn, is not the least of the difficult situations.

Such is the comedy written by A. A. Milne, which the Hong Kong A.D.C. are presenting at the China Fleet Club Theatre on March 19, 20, 21 and 22.

The play, with Leonora Corbett as "Sarah Simple," A. D. What more as William Bendish, and Agnes Lauchlan as Mrs. Bell Mason after receiving excellent notices from the critics in London had a long run at the Garrick Theatre.

Booking is now open at Anderson's.

GILBERT FIGHTS BOMB

Housewives of Nottingham make a fuss of Gilbert the horse when he stops outside their house.

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Gilbert was in a stable in Coventry during one of the heavy raids on that city. An incendiary bomb fell through the roof, set fire to his tail, and ignited the straw beneath his feet.

Gilbert kicked the blazing bomb through the open door on to a piece of waste land stamped out the burning straw, and dealt with the outbreak in his tail by rubbing himself against the side of the stall.

There were seven other horses in the building.

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The revised fixtures for the remainder of the Football Season was drawn up last night at the Meeting of the Management Committee.

Several games will be played during the week but these will only effect Service teams.

Following are the League fixtures for the week-end ending March 15-16.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

FIRST DIVISION

Police v Royal Scots

(Boundary Street 4.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

6th R.A. v Signals

(Sookunpoo 4.00 p.m.)

10th R.A. v 35th R.A.

(St. Joseph's 3.15 p.m.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

FIRST DIVISION

South China v Police

(Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.)

Royal Scots v Kowloon

(Sookunpoo 4.30 p.m.)

11th R.A. v Navy

(Navy Ground 4.30 p.m.)

Club v Middlesex

(Club 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v Club

(Chatham Road 4.30 p.m.)

Service Corps v Kowloon

(St. Joseph's 4.30 p.m.)

South China v Royal Scots

(Caroline Hill 3.00 p.m.)

Kit Chee v Middlesex

(Club 3.00 p.m.)

Engineers v 30th R.A.

(Sookunpoo 3.00 p.m.)

Navy v Sing Tao

(Navy Ground 3.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Air Force v 20th R.A.

(Chatham Road 3.00 p.m.)

15th R.A. v 24th R.A.

(Stanley 3.00 p.m.)

7th R.A. v Engineers

(Military 4.30 p.m.)

R.A.M.C. v 50th R.A.

(Military 3.00 p.m.)

International v 12th R.A.

(St. Joseph's 3.00 p.m.)

A.S.A. v Shell

(Kowloon 3.00 p.m.)

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

GOVERNOR'S CUP

Hong Kong Football Association v

Hong Kong Chinese Amateur

Athletic Federation

(Causeway Bay 3.30 p.m.)

Artillery Defeat Middlesex Easily

Royal Engineers, winners of the Small Units Rugby tournament, negotiated a stiff hurdle when at Sookunpoo yesterday they beat Royal Scots by a try (3 points) to nil in the Large Units Rugby Competition.

Engineers fully deserved their win but in the second half the Royal did a lot of pressing and the Sappers had to be at their best to keep them from scoring. Foley and Jones were brilliant as Sappers' halves and did well. The former played a hard game and set his threequarters in motion several times. Jones was also prominent and played a good game.

Burrell was again their most dangerous three quarter and with Martin was prominent with good runs down the field.

In the forward line Appleby, She Drake and Blackman were the pick of the winners' pack. Scots played well and saw just as much of the ball but did not gain as much ground as they should have done when in possession. Vealon played well in the half back line and gave a sound display while Douglass was also prominent.

Sappers pressed from the start but lack of good kicking prevented them from scoring. Sappers scored their try through She Drake but Burrell failed to convert. In the second half Royals reshuffled their side and pressed most of the time. Foley, Jones and Burrell were forced to relieve pressure and though Sappers were hard put they managed to keep Royals from scoring.

ROYAL ENGINEERS—Heath, Barrow, Martin, Rees, Jones, Lickton, Fowle, Appleby, Killen, Wilcox, Redman, Brinkley, Sheldrake, Otway and Davis.
ROYAL SCOTS—Pinkerton, Patterson, Douglass, Bateman, Fairley, Hanson, Vealon, Grace, Hunter, Duke, Millar, Livingstone, Coombe, Sutherland, and Durie.

ARTILLERY WIN

Royal Artillery proved too strong for Middlesex and won by two goals and four tries (22 points) to a penalty and a try (6 points) in the other Large Units game at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Hook, Keeble, Richards and March were outstanding for Gunners while Freshwater was prominent for the losers.

R.A.—Easterbrook, March, Keeble, Giblin, Richards, Hook, Dobbinson, Bompas, Wedderburn, Delfield, Heath, Mew, Page, Eddison, and McDermott.

MSEX—Moggeridge, Jackson, Freshwater, Sheehan, Jones, Radley, Willoughby, Jennings, Wokey, Burrell, Pearce, Goddard, Bayly, Gillham, and Thompson.

SIGNALS CRICKET WIN

In a Small Units Knock Out Competition cricket match, Royal Corps of Signals defeated the Royal Army Pay Corps by five wickets at Sookunpoo yesterday.

R.A.P.C.
Sgt. Murray, b Dixon 4
Cpl. Ingleby, b Blount 1
Sgt. Chalcraft, b Dixon 7
Sgt. Hemming, not out 6
S/Sgt. Happe, l.b.w., b Murphy 12
Mr. Navey, b Murphy 3
Cpl. Pendergast, c Carrol, b Murphy 2
S/Sgt. Adam, b Murphy 0
Cpl. Stone, b Dixon 6
S/Sgt. Carden, l.b.w., b Murphy 0
S/Sgt. Pinkney, st., b Murphy 5
Extras (B8, NE4) 12

Total 60.
Bowling Analysis:
O. M. R. W.
Dixon 13 4 21 4
Blount 7 1 10 1
Murphy 5 0 17 6
Dixon bowled four no balls.

SIGNALS
Cpl. Blount, b Ingleby 0
Sharland, c Ingleby, b Chalcraft 22
Murphy, l.b.w., b Pinkney 29
Tomlinson, not out 6
Bucke, b Ingleby 0
Lithauer, b Ingleby 0
Dixon, not out 0
Extras (B4) 4

Total (for 5 wkts.) 61.
Pitcher, Brakenbury, Copsey and Carrol did not bat.
Bowling Analysis:
O. M. R. W.
Ingleby 0 0 21 3
Navey 3 0 15 0
Chalcraft 3 0 15 1
Pinkney 2 0 0 1

LEAGUE TABLES

SECTION "A"

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's	7	1	6	47	11	12
Chung Wah	6	1	5	40	14	10
V.R.C.	6	3	3	21	33	6
Recreio	7	3	4	29	34	6
J.R.C.	7	7	0	15	48	0

SECTION "B"

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.C.C.	7	1	6	40	23	12
St. John's	7	1	6	42	21	12
St. Andrew's	7	4	3	33	30	6
Kowloon Tong	6	4	2	24	30	4
Police	7	7	0	14	49	0

YESTERDAY'S BADMINTON RESULTS

Several matches were played yesterday in the "B" Division of the Badminton League and St. John's defeated their Kowloon Cricket Club, their nearest rivals, by the odd game in nine.

St. Andrew's won easily against Police while Victoria Recreation Club accounted for Jewish Recreation Club.

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.) beat N. L. Smith and P. Wilson 21-7

Kwok beat H. Eardley and D. Ladd 13-21

beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd 21-4

J. L. Anderson and D. S. Hazell (K.C.C.) beat Smith and Wilson 20-24

lost to Eardley and Kwok 5-21

beat Maynard and Ladd 21-6

H. S. Jones and E. Zimmern (K.C.C.) lost to Smith and Wilson 14-21

lost to Eardley and Kwok 6-21

beat Maynard and Ladd 21-7

WIN FOR ST. ANDREW'S
St. Andrew's beat Police by 6 sets to 3.

Gillies and Gordon (Police) beat Fincher and Merrett 21-11

beat Brown and Gray 21-16

beat Davies and Gillespie 21-6

Major and Siu (Police) lost to Fincher and Merrett 8-21

lost to Brown and Gray 9-21

lost to Davies and Gillespie 7-21

Mackenzie and Shepherd (Police) lost to Fincher and Merrett 4-21

lost to Brown and Gray 6-21

lost to Davies and Gillespie 3-21

JEWISH R.C. BEATEN
At Bonham Road, King's College beat Club de Recreio by 8 games to 1.

S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's) beat A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha 21-11

beat E. A. R. Alves and P. Bote ho 21-2

beat B. T. Gosano and P. A. Yvanovich 21-7

K. J. Attwell and K. H. Lo (King's) beat Xavier and Noronha 21-13

beat Alves and Botelho 23-20

lost to Gosano and Yvanovich 18-21

K. L. Lui and H. T. 'Woo (King's) beat Xavier and Noronha 21-12

beat Alves and Botelho 21-6

beat Gosano and Yvanovich 21-3

RECREIO CRICKET TEAM

Following will represent Recreio juniors against H.M.S. Tamar in a friendly Cricket match on Saturday at King's Park:

E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), A. E. Noronha, H. A. Barros, E. M. L. Soares, N. A. Beltrao, J. A. Soares, A. H. Remedios, L. J. Remedios, F. J. Remedios, A. A. Lopes and A. J. M. Prata.

H.K.F.A. MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 5.30 p.m. in the Association's office, when the draw for the Semi-final rounds of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions will be made.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

Following is the programme for the First Round Matches of the various Badminton Championships.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

At King's College

MEN'S SINGLES JUNIOR

J. L. Anderson v Ho Weng Teh. (7.00 p.m.)

P. A. Yvanovich v H. Dingsdale. (7.45 p.m.)

MEN'S SINGLES SENIOR

S. Anplavanar v P. K. Hooi. (8.30 p.m.)

MEN'S DOUBLES JUNIOR

T. S. Young & M. K. Fung v D. Chelliah & K. H. Khoo. (9.15 p.m.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

At Talkoo Club

C. Au v H. C. Eardley. (8.00 p.m.)

MEN'S DOUBLES JUNIOR

F. Kwok & D. Kwok v C. F. Chiu & S. C. Liang. (8.45 p.m.)

R. M. Lavalle & N. A. Beltrao v M. Talan & J. Odell. (9.30 p.m.)

MONDAY, MARCH 17

At King's College

MEN'S DOUBLES JUNIOR

P. C. Leung & K. F. Chiu v E. A. R. Alves & P. P. Bote ho. (7.00 p.m.)

C. C. Pereira & A. E. Xavier v J. Hooi & T. B. Teoh. (7.45 p.m.)

P. A. Yvanovich & B. T. Gosano v A. L. Fisher & P. Wynter-Blyth. (8.30 p.m.)

MIXED DOUBLES

E. Zimmern & Mrs. Zimmern v P. Wong & Mrs. Ribeiro. (9.15 p.m.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

At Club de Recreio

MEN DOUBLE JUNIOR

J. L. Anderson & W. Gilles v W. T. Ho & A. C. Cheung. (7.00 p.m.)

MEN'S SINGLES JUNIOR
R. M. Lavalle v Peter Lo. (7.45 p.m.)

T. S. Young v J. Tsang. (8.30 p.m.)

MIXED DOUBLES

E. Gillespie & Miss Wong v H. C. Eardley & Miss Eardley. (9.15 p.m.)

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

At Talkoo Club

MEN'S SINGLE JUNIOR

E. Zimmern v J. Hooi. (8.00 p.m.)

MIXED DOUBLES

K. W. Choy & K. B. Low v J. J. Remedios & H. F. Gonsalves. (8.45 p.m.)

D. Kwok & Mrs. Wilson v M. A. Oliveira & Miss Silva. (9.15 p.m.)

NO HOMERS IN ONLY THREE PARKS

Joe DiMaggio failed to hit home runs in only the Cleveland and Washington baseball parks during the 1940 season.

The Yankee outfielder collected 17 home runs in Yankee Stadium, five at Sportsmen's Park, St. Louis; four at Comiskey Park, Chicago; three at Fenway Park, Boston; and one each at Briggs Stadium, Detroit and Shibe Park, Philadelphia. Some of the Yankees' games with Cleveland were played in League Park, others at Municipal Stadium.

CLUB "A" BEAT NAVY

A fairly strong Club "A" side beat Navy "A" by a try and a penalty (6 points) to a goal (3 points) at Happy Valley.

Rutherford scored close in for Navy and Paul added the points. Shortly afterwards Day scored for Club but Aitkenhead failed to convert. Just before the interval Aitkenhead kicked a penalty.

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STRAIN OF PROFESSIONAL TENNIS

Alice Marble will earn at least £8,000 during her 18 weeks' tour as a professional, says a London correspondent.

Not too bad, but she will find it pretty grim work, and, most of it being on wood, tough, mighty tough, on the poor feet. Ellsworth Vine, once solemnly told me he knew no woman who could stand up to the strain of it, and, having an "thousand" of rules under the tight lights, he should know.

I recall a very late night sitting in Arthur Elwyn's sanctum sanctorum at Wimbledon when Fred Perry, having just come back after a year of professional tennis in America, opened his heart on this (and many other) subjects.

Here, squatting cross-legged on the floor, dead weary after a terrific five-setter with Cochet, confessed the monotony of it had driven him to golf.

He added, a professional's game was bound to suffer. "It gets grooved and mechanical for lack of close match incentive," he said, but indignantly I urged there was ever any criticism of "throwing a game" no matter how often you faced the same opponent.

The mystery to me is that there is enough money in these tours to show a promoter's profit after the players have taken their share of the purse, but I don't suppose the shrewd Jack Harris is in it for his health.

Anyway, the Bill Tilden, still going strong at 45, has never complained of fallen arches, or a pain in the back, back, though complaints are his long-still.

FRANCE OUT OF TENNIS PICTURE

Jean Borotra, world famous tennis player, who has been made French Sport Commissary by Marshal Philippe Petain, said in an interview recently that until peace is restored in Europe there could be no question of international matches in France.

The "Bounding Basque," who in 1927, won the Davis Cup for France, at Germantown, with his team composed of Rene Lacoste, Henri Cochet, and Jacques Brugnon, said:

"Since France's star players, Yvon Petra and Henri Pelizza, are in German prison camps it would be impossible for France to participate in tennis matches abroad.

With the 1,800,000 French prisoners scattered throughout Germany and the occupied zone of France," he continued, "and every French family with at least one member in captivity, we do not feel up to playing in public. Thus, France will not be represented at Davis Cup matches next summer. However, there will be French Inter-regional championships to be held in Paris on the courts of the Tennis Club de France.

Cochet A Farmer

"Henri Cochet, (another of the Four Horsemen of the 1927 'Cup' days), has bought a farm near Paris and devotes most of his time to agricultural line. I was assured that Henri Cochet still plays tennis in his spare time. "As for Rene Lacoste," Borotra pursued, "he has accepted to head the French Lawn Tennis Federation, replacing Pierre Gillou, who resigned. However, Gillou will continue in his functions until July 1 when Rene Lacoste will take over."

FONSECA LAUDS KUHEL

Lew Fonseca, who played the position himself, says Joe Kuhel of the White Sox is the finest fielding first baseman he has seen in either major league in years.

DERBY WON ON THREE LEGS

One expects a man who plays with millions to know how to take a short-head beating or win the Derby without showing a flicker of emotion.

Jack Joel, who died at his St. Albans home, certainly looked the least excited man at Epsom when his beloved Sunstar won the world's greatest race, 11 years after he started his Turf career.

I have seen "Uncle Jack" get more emotional, throwing quarts into a bucket at one of brother Solly's famous Ascot Sunday parties, an exclusive men-only event which once inspired the Mr. Gosling of the day to perpetrate the clever angle headline, "Jolly couple at Solly Joels."

And so it was when with Steve



up the ill-fated Humorist—he was found dead in his box not long afterwards—won again for him in 1921 after a desperate neck and neck finish with Craig-en-Eran.

Sunstar Won Three Legs

Sunstar won the Derby on three legs. It's an astonishing story.

The colt went lame a few days before the race, and getting him to the post was a Morton miracle.

Stern, the French jockey, had the rule because neither Frank Wootton nor Danny Maher was available.

Stern afterwards said that he felt his mount falter about a hundred yards from home, and he knew the dud leg had gone. He was literally carried past the

post by the momentum of his grand gallop and his big heart. Then he collapsed.

Triumph And Tragedy

Equally dramatic was Jack Joel's other Derby triumph with Humorist in 1921, ten years after Sunstar.

A fortnight after the race Morton found Humorist bleeding at the mouth after a canter on the morning of a race he was to run at Ascot.

Humorist was sent back to his stable, and one afternoon the head lad found him dead in his box.

It was found at the post-mortem that he had been suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs.

"Lucky Joel" had won two Derbies with sick horses!

He won the Oaks four times. At his country house there was a memorial to his best-loved mare, Dotie, the mother of Sunstar.

DUKE OF WINDSOR TO GIVE GOLF EXHIBITIONS

Miami, Florida, February 13.—Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen and Tommy Armour, four of the world's most famous golfers, have all accepted invitations to compete in the Red Cross benefit golf match in Nassau, Bahamas, which the Duke of Windsor, Governor of the Bahama Islands, is sponsoring.

The match will be held on March 15 and 16.

The Duke expects to play with the golf stars on the first day, and on the 16th will be honorary referee of a four-ball game.

All the proceeds will be turned over to the Red Cross.—Reuter

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RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA SEVERED

London Officially Confirms Presentation Of Note

Abduction Of Employee Of The British Legation

IT WAS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN BROKEN OFF.

Mr. George Rendel, the British Minister in Sofia, in a Note handed to M. Filoff, the Bulgarian Premier, is stated to have said that the British decision to sever relations was prompted by two reasons.

Firstly, Bulgaria's adherence to the Tripartite Pact, and,

Secondly, the disappearance of Mr. Grenovitch, employee of the British Legation in Sofia, who mysteriously disappeared while en route for Turkey.

The British decision to break off relations was officially communicated to the Bulgarian Government yesterday.

Mr. Rendel called on the Bulgarian Premier in the morning, and, after informing him of the British decision, asked for his passports.

Mr. Rendel and the British Legation staff are expected to leave Bulgaria within the next few days.

The Dutch, Belgian and Polish Legations are similarly expected to leave, following the Bulgarian Government's intimation that their missions are considered to be terminated.

Enemy Territory

Meanwhile the Board of Trade in London announced that Bulgaria is enemy territory for the

purposes of trading with the enemy.

It is accordingly a punishable offence to have commercial, financial or other intercourse or dealings with or for the benefit of any person in that territory.

Another announcement, by the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London, says the British Government have decided they must now regard Bulgaria as territory under enemy occupation.

As from yesterday, therefore, Bulgaria is regarded as an enemy destination for contraband purposes and all goods of Bulgarian origin or ownership will be liable to seizure.—Reuter.

INDIA'S GROWING WAR EFFORT

General Auchinleck, the new C-in-C, India, has lost no time in seeing personally some of the vital centres of India's war production and representative military units of various types in India.

During a number of whirlwind tours he has seen armour-plate producing—a feat undreamed of two years ago in India—guns, bombs, respirators and many other items of war equipment all being turned out in quantities which at one time was thought impossible.

General Auchinleck inspected an Indian Territorial battalion recruited solely from Bihar, Auxiliary units in Calcutta, A heavy battery of Indian artillery recruited entirely from Bengal.

The manning of the big guns of India's coastal defences, A Madras-embodied Indian Territorial battalion on garrison duty, and

A number of British units engaged in strenuous tactical exercises somewhere in India.

He has also visited a prisoners of war camp at Ramgarh, Bihar, where the immense task of arranging accommodation for 12,000 Italians in an area until recently virgin jungle is now being accomplished.

It is understood that General Auchinleck contemplates other visits whenever circumstances permit.—Reuter.

HARVEST BEFORE MILITARY SERVICE

No one will be called up from farms for military service until after the harvest.

This was announced by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, yesterday. He said the announcement was made in view of the importance of food production during the next few months.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Goering had a long conference with General Antonescu, the Rumanian Dictator, says a Vienna despatch to the official German news agency.

They discussed "important military and economic questions of interest to both countries."

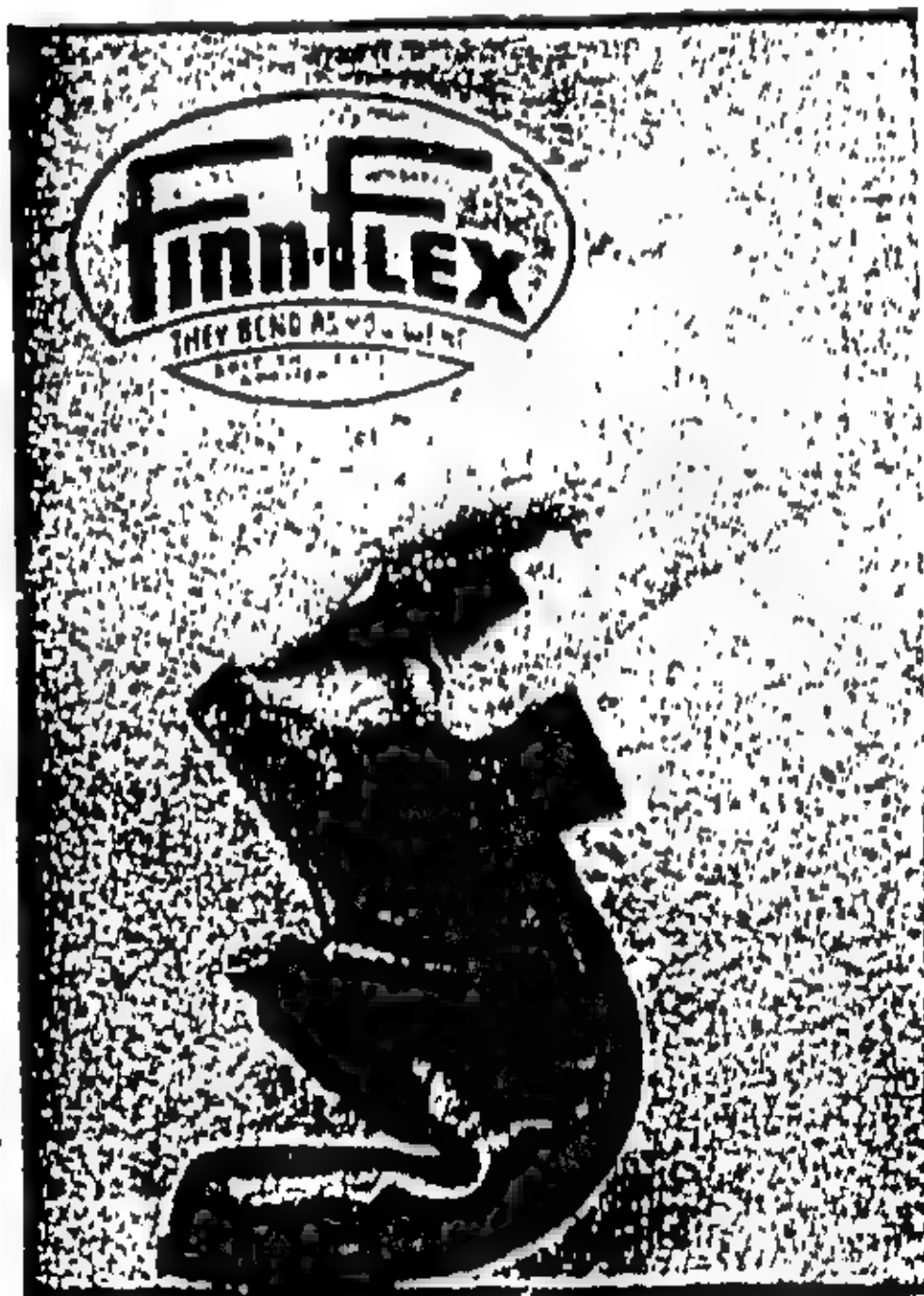
The talks were conducted "in the spirit of German-Rumanian friendship and collaboration."—Reuter.

No bombs were dropped in any part of Britain during daylight yesterday, and it is now officially confirmed that two enemy bombers were destroyed the previous night, both by anti-aircraft fire.—Reuter.

General Sir John Dill called at Greek General Headquarters in Athens yesterday, according to Athens radio. He was joined there by King George of Greece.—Reuter.

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BULGARIANS RESENT GERMAN OCCUPATION

GREEK TALKS ENDED

Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill have concluded their series of talks with the Greek Prime Minister in Athens.

REUTER UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CONVERSATIONS WERE VERY SATISFACTORY IN ALL RESPECTS

Mr. Eden and the British delegation are leaving shortly for Cairo.

Athens crowds still continue to show the utmost enthusiasm at the presence of Mr. Eden and General Dill, and people follow the British visitors wherever they go.

While Mr. Eden paid a final visit to the Prime Minister yesterday morning, General Dill visited in a Greek hospital and a British canteen.—Reuter.

**Sir John Dill At
Greek G.H.Q.**

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ITALIANS WARSHIPS BOMBED

British bombers attacked Italian warships off Valona, in addition to an attack on warships at Chimara, according to an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The communique adds that on all fronts in Italian East Africa, air support by bomber and fighter aircraft was given to the advancing British troops.

From all these operations two aircraft failed to return.—Reuter.

INDIA BUILDING AIRCRAFT FACTORY

A Government spokesman announced in the Indian Council of State yesterday that an aeroplane factory is at present under construction, and is expected to begin operations in a few weeks.—Reuter.

Sullen Crowds Watch Army Move To Southern Border

(By A Reuter Correspondent)

SILENT AND SULLEN crowds of Bulgarian country folk are watching the German army move south. Bulgarian peasants are well aware that their food supply will be as much decreased as the danger of war for their country is increased, by the presence of these grim-faced veterans of the Western Front campaign.

Of seven divisions which stood ready on the other side of the Danube, at least five have now entered Bulgaria.

Overhead, Junkers planes constantly bear material southwards, while Messerschmidts are taking up new bases in southern Bulgaria.

German police are installed in country towns, arrogantly directing the mechanised transport southward.

Capital's Sandbags

German railway officials were strutting up and down the platforms at Sofia's main station when I left for Belgrade on Tuesday night.

I saw the first sandbags being placed outside public buildings in the capital.

The average Bulgarian views the German occupation with strong distaste and remains unmoved by German propaganda.

GERMAN TROOPS IN LONG STREAM

By train, lorry, bus and plane, German troops continue to stream through Bulgaria towards the Greek frontier.

The three main routes southward are described by eye-witnesses as "solid miles of mechanised material."—Reuter.

BELGRADE BRITISH WARNED

The British consulate in Belgrade has addressed a circular to all Britons in Yugoslavia advising those who are not kept on urgent business to leave the country, according to despatches to the official French agency yesterday.

Most women members of the staffs of the British Legation and consulate in Belgrade, and the families of the Legation staff, are already preparing to leave.

Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Minister to Yugoslavia, returned to Belgrade on Tuesday from Athens, where he went to see Mr. Anthony Eden.

Wide Discretion

It was learned in London that the British Minister in Belgrade has for some time had discretion to advise British subjects with no urgent reasons for staying, to leave Yugoslavia as soon as Germany started the occupation of Bulgaria.

If some British subjects are now leaving Yugoslavia they are doubtless acting on his advice.—Reuter.

GERMAN TROOPS IN CASABLANCA

The presence of German troops in Casablanca, French Morocco, was revealed by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Replying to a question, Mr. Butler stated that a representative of the German Armistice Commission had been in Casablanca for some months.

Early in February a considerable number of German officers and men were reported to have arrived there in uniform and bearing arms.

Estimates of their number vary, Mr. Butler added.—Reuter.

URGENT TOKYO MEETING

Prince Konoye, the Japanese Premier, has decided to call an urgent Cabinet meeting to-day as the French again failed to hand in a reply yesterday to the Japanese compromise formula for settlement of the Franco-Thai dispute, says an official Japanese report.

THE REPORT ADDS THAT THE FRENCH FAILURE IS ATTRIBUTED BY POLITICAL OBSERVERS TO DELAYED DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE FRENCH DELEGATES IN TOKYO AND NOT TO DELIBERATE INTENTIONS ON THE PART OF FRANCE TO POSTPONE OR BREAK UP THE MEDIATION CONFERENCE.

Since the French have clearly expressed a desire for a satisfactory conclusion, the Japanese authorities are said to be calm.—Reuter.



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Dramatic Flight Of Carol And Madame Lupescu

Dash Over Frontier With False Passports

EX-KING CAROL OF RUMANIA AND MADAME LUPESCU, OUTWITTING GENERAL FRANCO'S POLICE, HAVE MADE A DRAMATIC ESCAPE FROM SPAIN.

It became known in Madrid last night that the pair, who vanished from Seville on Tuesday, are safe in Portugal, having equipped themselves with false passports and slipping out of the Andalusia Hotel, their virtual prison for the past five months.

ATHENIA SINKING INCIDENT

The Swiss newspaper "Gazette de Lausanne" Berlin correspondent made the unexpected announcement yesterday that it was a German submarine which sank the Athenia.

He adds: when at the outbreak of war, the Athenia was sunk in the neighbourhood of the British Isles, the reaction of the United States to this event was awaited with some nervousness.

Nothing happened. The torpedoing, which was the work of a German submarine, was one of those maladroitness acts which the Third Reich has been very careful to avoid ever since.

German propaganda then caused it to be understood that the sole responsibility for the catastrophe was Mr. Churchill's.

Reason was that Germany was not then disposed to amass declarations of war, as was the case in the last war, and though well aware of the sympathy for Britain on the part of the governing classes in the United States, the Germans were anxious not to fan the flame.—Reuter.

ROOF COLLAPSE

SOME 50 EMPLOYEES OF THE KIN LEE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY BEAT DEATH BY 15 MINUTES THIS MORNING, WHEN THE ROOF OF ONE OF THE COMPANY'S WORKSHOPS, AT THE JUNCTION OF AUSTIN AND CANTON ROAD, SUDDENLY CAVED IN.

One of the employees who lingered on in the workshop was hit by falling debris just as he was about to leave the premises and has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

The collapse of the roof occurred at 9.30 a.m. to-day, some 15 minutes after the workers had left the building to begin their outside jobs.

The Fire Brigade and the Police Emergency Unit were called out to the scene.

They dashed across the frontier in a high-powered car, apparently at Rosal de la Frontera. With them in a second car were a number of persons who had previously entered Spain from Portugal.

Before the flight they got rid of their man and maid servant by sending them out with clothes to be cleaned. They left behind in the hotel four big dogs.

A LARGE EIGHT-SEATER LUXURY CAR IN WHICH THEY BEGAN THE DRIVE HAS BEEN FOUND ABANDONED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BADAJOZ.

It appears they continued the drive to Portugal in a car of different make.

Their passports were obtained from a foreigner in Seville.

Fears For Life

With the exiles' escape, the press broke its silence yesterday for the first time about their presence in Spain, special editions announcing the flight.

Fears for Carol's life were expressed when it was reported that a trio of Iron Guards had left Rumania for Spain.

Then General Antonescu signed decrees blocking his shares and accounts and confiscating all his property in Rumania.—Reuter.

INDIAN NOW FACING CHARGE OF MURDER

CHARGED WITH WOUNDING A CHINESE WOMAN, BAWA SINGH, 55-YEAR-OLD PRIVATE WATCHMAN EMPLOYED BY MESSRS. ARNOLD AND COMPANY, KWEICHOW STREET, KOWLOON CITY, RECEIVED A SHOCK THIS MORNING WHEN HE APPEARED IN THE KOWLOON POLICE COURT AND HEARD THE CHARGE AMENDED TO ONE OF MURDER.

The woman Li Fong, alleged to have been attacked by accused, died in the Kowloon Hospital at 8.15 a.m. to-day and as a result, Detective-Inspector A. E. Carey requested the Court to amend the charge.

The case was adjourned for a week by Major A. N. Macfadyen.

The attack on the woman is alleged to have taken place in To Kwa Wan Road at 11 p.m. on Monday. She was found lying in the road suffering from serious face and head injuries apparently inflicted with a knife or dagger.



Pioneers, clearing up air raid debris in London, line up on the pavement for rations. (Copyright, Fox).

LOGIC OR REALISM?

Commenting on the London speech of Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier, a Japanese Government spokesman in Tokyo yesterday said: "This time I think Australia is being very fair."

"Heretofore they have discussed problems with Japan only from a logical viewpoint, and now Mr. Menzies has indicated a readiness to approach matters from a more realistic viewpoint."—Reuter.

NAZI EXECUTION IN NORWAY

Stating that the sentences are "revolting and can only evoke feelings of disgust and aversion," the Swedish paper "Social Demokraten" reports, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency, the execution at the beginning of February of three Norwegians.

The men were condemned to death by a German military court at Bergen for espionage on a charge of maintaining a secret wireless transmitter and sending information about German military dispositions.

It is feared a similar fate awaits 10 Norwegians who were recently sentenced on a similar charge at Haugesund, where a further 13 or 14 Norwegians are awaiting trial.—Reuter.

WARS IN EAST AND WEST: CLOSE AFFINITY

THE INEXTRICABLE connection of the Sino-Japanese War and the European War was the subject of an illuminating lecture at the Royal Central Asian Society in London yesterday by Mr. H. D. Liem, London correspondent of the Chinese Central News Agency.

Like the Germans, he said, the Japanese preached that they were the "hervolk" of Asia.

The technique of the two nations was exactly similar. Having selected a victim for absorption they goaded him by increasing persecution till he rebelled, when they denounced him as guilty of provocation and annihilated him on the pretext of self-defence.

Mr. Liem stressed the danger to Burma of the Japanese designs on Indo-China and Thailand, and the importance not only of the strong British reinforcements in Malaya but of the Netherlands East Indies' resolute resistance to Japan's obviously political demands.

Japan, said Mr. Liem, was already suffering from acute privation in many essentials and could not risk further aggressive adventures which would inevitably involve her in war with Britain and America if boldly faced.

His references to China's gallant resistance and her unequalled importance in exercising a check on Japan, were warmly applauded.—Reuter.

JAPANESE SHIPPING LOSSES

Nearly 200 Japanese warships and merchantmen have been sunk in the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Naval headquarters of the Chinese National Military Council in Chungking announced yesterday that 192 Japanese ships have been sunk and 188 damaged by Chinese shore batteries and river mines up to the end of 1940.

Vessels sunk include 27 medium-sized warships and 26 transports.

Damage done to Japanese shipping is estimated at nearly \$200,000,000.—Reuter.

ON THE ROAD TO VICTORY

The Free French forces are on the road to victory, declared General de Gaulle in a message of congratulations yesterday to the commander of the Free French forces who captured Kufra Oasis.

General de Gaulle has awarded the commander the Croix de la Liberation.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA AND THE N.E.I.

Traffic between the Netherlands East Indies and Australia is gaining daily in significance, declared Batavia radio yesterday. It added

CHINA'S WAR PROSPECTS

China's prospects in the war against Japan are much brighter than when hostilities began nearly four years ago, said the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, at a London Missionary Society meeting in Westminster yesterday.

Mr. Quo added: "I speak from the standpoint of internal unity and of strategic and diplomatic aspects of the world situation."—Reuter.

that all planes flying to Australia are full up until April 21.—Reuter.

HERCULEAN TASK OF THE NAVY

Mr. A. V. Alexander Wants More Ships And Men

Reveals Growing British Strength In New Destroyers

THE HERCULEAN TASK OF THE BRITISH FLEET IN MODERN CONDITIONS — PERFORMING THE TASK OF FIVE FLEETS IN THE LAST WAR — WAS OUTLINED BY MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The House was debating the token estimate for the Fleet, but Mr. Alexander declared: "The British Fleet itself is no token fleet nor are our ships phantom ships, though they may be a nightmare to our enemies."

Hence Mr. Alexander had no hesitation in asking for "many more ships, very good ships, greater numbers of men, very fine men, and great quantities of stores of the most substantial kind."

The task of the Fleet had been magnified by the collapse of France, which altered the whole fabric of British strategy.

NEW LAIRS FOR PIRACY

The collapse of France gave the Germans a new naval ally in Italy, numerically stronger at sea than the Germans themselves.

It did more than turn Mussolini into an accomplice to a pirate — it gave the pirate himself new lairs whence to sally forth.

When the threat first loomed up the Navy had just completed a vast series of operations from the mist-shrouded cliffs of Narvik to the sun-bathed beaches of St. Jean-de-Luz, of which history has probably never seen a parallel.

The Navy bore its part with the Merchant Navy and civilian volunteers in extricating hundreds of thousands of our troops from Norway and France.

It was not a task for which our ships were designed. Considerable losses were expected and accepted, especially in damage to destroyers, but by skill of seamanship and devotion, the Navy deprived the enemy of anything like the toll he confidently anticipated, but it was seriously depleted at the very moment when the whole problem had become more complex with the exit of France and the entry of Italy.

Improved Position

By swinging strides, however, we measurably improved our position.

With forces initially much inferior, Admirals Cunningham and Somerville not only kept the Italian fleet cooped in the Mediterranean but neutralised it even in waters which Italy specially claimed as hers.

In every encounter our crews had shown such superiority that units of the Italian navy scarcely venture to dispute even the waters around their bases.

Winter Gales

During the winter gales, British convoy escort forces paid the price of all navies whose tradition is to keep the seas regardless of weather if there is duty to be done.

Enemy communique claims would seem to show we had lost roughly twice the number of capital ships, aircraft-carriers and cruisers with which we entered the war and more than all the submarines (laughing).

In fact, the daily work of the Fleet and such outstanding achievements as those of Ark Royal, which has many times answered German questions concerning her whereabouts, prove

that the great body of the Fleet in August, 1939, remains intact.

The Challenge

Mr. Alexander would say to the German navy: "We are quite prepared to take you on with all the ships alone which you profess to have sunk."

The number of ships in most classes, especially the destroyer class, now at sea or instantly ready for sea, is greater than at any time since war began. Ships coming into service this year will of themselves make up a formidable force, judged by almost any other naval power's standards.

Even in the face of enemy bombing, the efforts of workers in shipyards and the untiring persistence of the skill of managements have maintained naval production in a remarkable manner.

Our long-term programmes of construction are maturing and a high output of short-term construction has been reached.

Naval Bombardments

It may not be appreciated how frequently our ships, though not designed for the role of bombing, have carried the war into the enemy's ports as well as carrying out incessant bombardments in support of the army in Libya.

THE FLEET AIR ARM HAS ALSO BECOME A NOTABLE WEAPON OF OFFENCE. IN THE PRESENT WAR THEY HAVE DESTROYED ONE ENEMY BATTLESHIP, ONE CRUISER, THREE DESTROYERS, FOUR SUBMARINES, OTHER NAVAL VESSELS AND 15 SUPPLY SHIPS, IN ADDITION TO DAMAGING AT LEAST TWO BATTLESHIPS, TWO CRUISERS, FOUR DESTROYERS, FOUR MISCELLANEOUS CRAFT AND 20 TRANSPORT OR SUPPLY SHIPS.

In addition to disturbing the enemy's possession of his own coastal routes, British submarines have destroyed something like 100 enemy warships and supply ships.

Qualities Of Resource

After a tribute to the Navy's assiduous and successful clearing of mines, which are constantly

being sown in many waters, Mr. Alexander said the Navy's qualities of resource were exemplified by Admiral Cunningham's recent operations against the Italians.

With limited forces, Admiral Cunningham's staff had to provide the movement of supplies to Greece, Malta and the main bases in Egypt.

In addition, they had to dovetail into their offensive operations against the enemy flank in Libya the business of a veritable world transport agency, carrying troops and stores to newly-conquered beaches and harbours, transporting great crowds of Italian visitors and even pumping water ashore to thirsty troops.

Merchant Shipping Losses

Up to May, 1940, the losses of British, Allied and neutral ships from enemy action averaged 40,000 tons a week. In the next seven months they remained obstinately at an average of just under 90,000 tons. During the last 11 weeks, losses averaged about 51,000 tons.

The First Lord did not attribute the diminution entirely to improved measures of protection but thought they were justified in counting them as at least one certain reason, among other possibilities.

Must Be Prepared

"We must expect the enemy to make heavy attacks and we may receive grievous blows.

The enemy used every conceivable means to attack us in this vital spot — the lurking

GERMAN U-BOAT SUICIDE SQUADS

"DEATH OR GLORY" crews, manning "suicide" U-boats and destined only to reach the British coast, not being expected to return, were mentioned in the Commons debate on the Naval Estimates yesterday by Capt. A. S. Cunningham-Reid, Conservative Member for Marylebone.

He said an American informant in Portugal described this submarine as one Hitler referred to in his last speech as being a simplified type on which the Germans concentrated naval construction after the beginning of the war.

Quick and cheap to build and equipped with only essential machinery, safety devices are practically non-existent. Such simplicity meant simplified and shorter training of crews.

Each submarine could be manned by a third of the normal crews, all because the new vessels have a very small fuel capacity.

Having sighted their victim

STAFFORD CRIPPS BACK IN MOSCOW

Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Russia, arrived back in Moscow from Turkey by plane yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

mine, the powerful raider, aircraft, stealthy E-boats and submarines.

Counter-measures to long-range aircraft attacks are being developed, though he would not reveal their nature.

As our resources grew, so would raiders' opportunities become fewer.

As for U-boat attacks, the expansion of aerial reconnaissance will become progressively more difficult for the enemy to avoid, while the R.A.F. will continue to dislocate the organisation of U-boat patrols by attacks upon their bases.

Convoy Protection

At sea the increased number of escorts will enable us to provide greater protection for convoys, and to these advantages will be added improvements in anti-submarine tactics.

In the meantime, we continue to inflict losses upon enemy submarine flotillas.

To give the German naval staff their due, they change U-boat tactics when they become too costly and new tactics demand changes in our own measures, which take time to perfect.

The defensive arming of merchant ships has been justified by the timely use of guns which enabled merchant seamen to preserve themselves and turn the tables on the enemy.

New Shipping

The claims of official enemy communique about merchant tonnage sunk amount to double our actual losses, even though some of these losses cannot be known to the Germans.

New ships delivered from British yards, plus those abroad, and the volume of captured enemy ships now in our service, has replaced more than two-thirds of

DAYLIGHT RAID ON BOULOGNE

A formation of R.A.F. bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked the docks at Boulogne yesterday afternoon, while other squadrons of British fighters made an offensive sweep over the Channel and northern France.

Hits were scored on the docks at Boulogne and a large fire started in the inner harbour.

One Messerschmidt 109 was destroyed by R.A.F. fighters, six were probably destroyed and another damaged, but owing to the great height at which the combats occurred, their destruction cannot be confirmed.

Three British aircraft, all fighters, are missing.—Reuter.

ALPINE TROOPS DROWNED

Italian prisoners recently taken in Albania report that 1,500 Italian Alpine troops were drowned when their ship was torpedoed and sunk, states Athens radio.

The announcer said prisoners also confirmed the sinking of two other ships, one carrying mules and equipment for an Italian regiment and the other carrying artillery for the "Wolves of Tuscany" Regiment.—Reuter.

the tonnage of British ships lost by enemy action.

Admiralty Salvage

In addition, we had the advantage of chartering ships of States overrun by the enemy.

On the other hand, the enemy had lost over 2,000,000 tons sunk, captured or scuttled, and over one million tons were lying useless in neutral harbours.

Thanks to the Admiralty salvage organisation, total tonnage rescued and saved up to the end of last year was over 1,000,000 tons.

Of the 50 destroyers which the United States had transferred to us, some have already delivered attacks on enemy submarines, and others, in the course of their escort duties, have shared in the rescue of victims of enemy attack.

The peoples of the British Commonwealth have given unstinted support in the war at sea.

Great Distinction

Canadian destroyers have taken a share of the destroyers' task of protecting seaborne trade across the Atlantic.

Australian cruisers and destroyers and New Zealand cruisers participated with great distinction and success in operations in the Mediterranean and Middle East and in the protection of important convoys.

South African naval units were also making a very welcome contribution in the Mediterranean, and the small but highly efficient Royal Indian Navy is doing valuable patrol work in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean.

Allied Aid

Mr. Alexander did not betray the strengths of the naval contingents of Free France, Poland, Holland and Norway, but they were most useful reinforcements and were steadily expanding.

The Belgians, having no vessels of their own, have come forward to help man other ships, and he was glad there is now a Belgian section of the Royal Navy.

In conclusion, Mr. Alexander paid a special tribute to the "gallant fight of the small but heroic and efficient Greek Navy." — Reuter.

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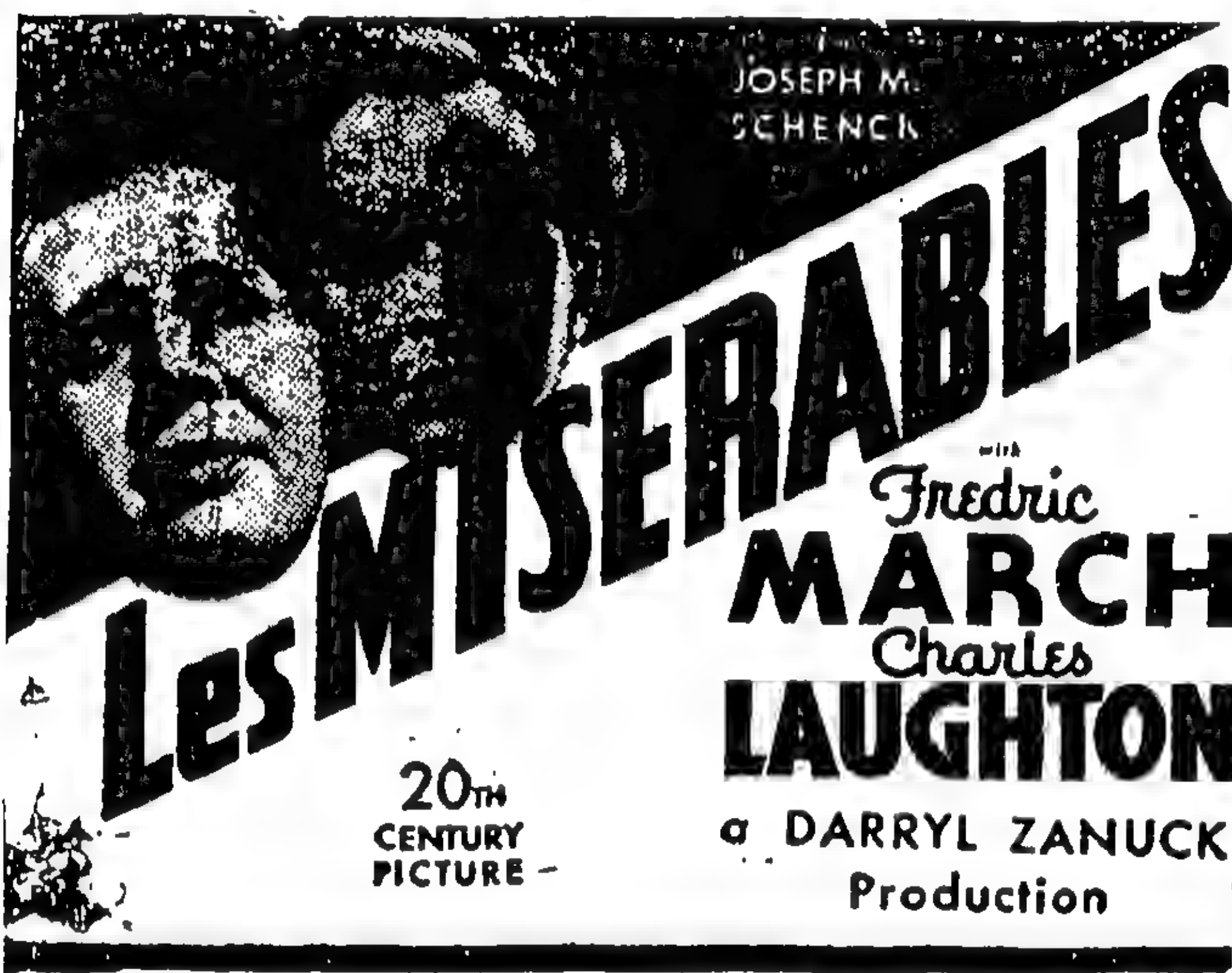
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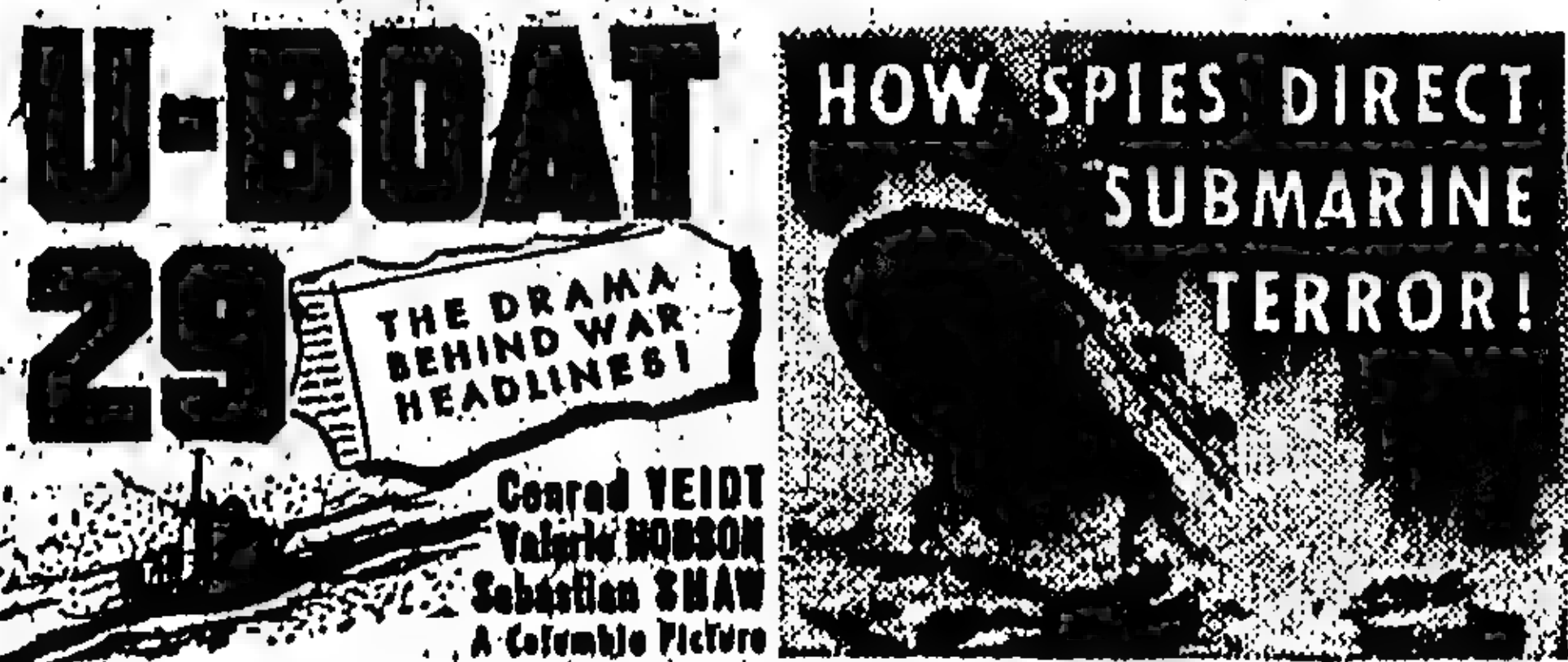
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TO-MORROW: "SOULS AT SEA"

INDIA'S GROWING WAR EFFORT

General Auchinleck, the new C-in-C., India, has lost no time in seeing personally some of the vital centres of India's war production and representative military units of various types in India.

During a number of whirlwind tours he has seen armour-plate producing—a feat undreamed of two years ago in India—guns, bombs, respirators and many other items of war equipment all being turned out in quantities which at one time was thought impossible.

General Auchinleck inspected an Indian Territorial battalion recruited solely from Bihar, Auxiliary units in Calcutta, A heavy battery of Indian artillery recruited entirely from Bengal.

The manning of the big guns of India's coastal defences, A Madras embodied Indian Territorial battalion on garrison duty, and

A number of British units engaged in strenuous tactical exercises somewhere in India.

He has also visited a prisoners of war camp at Ramgarh, Bihar, where the immense task of arranging accommodation for 12,000 Italians in an area until recently virgin jungle is now being accomplished.

It is understood that General Auchinleck contemplates other visits whenever circumstances permit.—Reuter.

JAPANESE OPERATIONS IN SOUTH

SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"

IN ORDER TO CUT OFF ALL SOUTH CHINA COASTAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE INTERIOR, JAPANESE NAVAL AND MILITARY FORCES, SUPPORTED BY AIRCRAFT AND NAVAL GUNS, HAVE OCCUPIED KWANGHOI, YEUNG KONG, TIN PAK, LUICHOW AND PAKHOI.

Operations against these five small South China ports followed the arrival of some Japanese warships and transports from Swatow, Amoy and Formosa.

Chinese communications with Kwong Chow Wan have been severed by the Japanese occupation of Luichow.

Striking out from Pakhoi the Japanese are now in Limchow, and from Kwonghoi they have advanced to Tolshan.—Our Own Correspondent.

HARVEST BEFORE MILITARY SERVICE

No one will be called up from farms for military service until after the harvest.

This was announced by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, yesterday. He said the announcement was made in view of the importance of food production during the next few months.—Reuter.

AIR HERO MARRIES

Flight-Lieutenant Jerrard Jeffries, of Leamington Spa, whose marriage to Miss Winifred Mary Butler, of Harrogate, is announced, was awarded the D.F.C. in September.

As a Flight Commander in the Czech Fighter Squadron of the R.A.F., he was one of four British airmen decorated this month with the Czechoslovak Military Cross.

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FALANGE ABOVE THE LAW

Members of the National Council of the Spanish Falange (Fascist) Party are given a privileged position in regard to the law under a decree published in Madrid yesterday.

The decree provides that no national councillor can be arrested without in order from the head of the party unless caught in flagrante delicto, when the head of the party must be immediately advised.

Legal action can be taken against national councillors only subject to the authorisation of the president of the Falange political board.

Other Falange authorities cannot be arrested except by order of a special judicial authority, empowered under the new law to try them in other cases than flagrante delicto. — Reuter.

SHIPPING TO SWEDEN

AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN BRITAIN AND SWEDEN BY WHICH FIVE SWEDISH SHIPS FROM OVERSEAS PORTS WILL BE ABLE TO SAIL FOR GOTHENBURG EVERY MONTH.

Announcing this yesterday, the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London stated it is a condition of the arrangement that these ships shall not call at any German or German-controlled port, and that for every vessel entering the Baltic, one must previously have left that area.

Continuation of this traffic depends on the vessels concerned not being interfered with by Germany. — Reuter.

GOERING SEES GEN. ANTONESCU

Goering had a long conference with General Antonescu, the Rumanian Dictator, says a Vienna despatch to the official German news agency. They discussed "important military and economic questions of interest to both countries."

The talks were conducted "in the spirit of German-Rumanian friendship and collaboration." — Reuter.

NO DAYLIGHT BOMBS ON BRITAIN

No bombs were dropped in any part of Britain during daylight yesterday, and it is now officially confirmed that two enemy bombers were destroyed the previous night, both by anti-aircraft fire. — Reuter.

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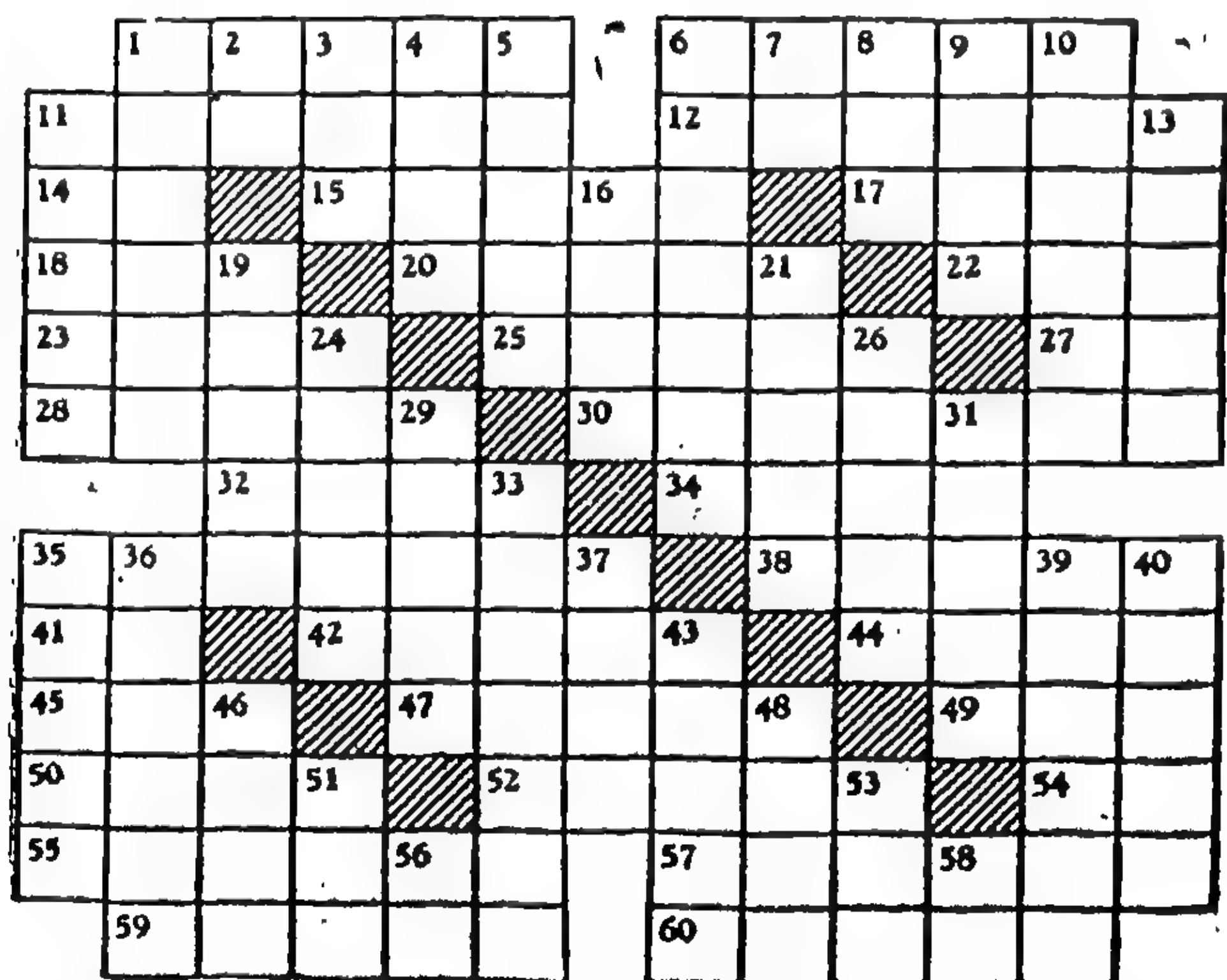
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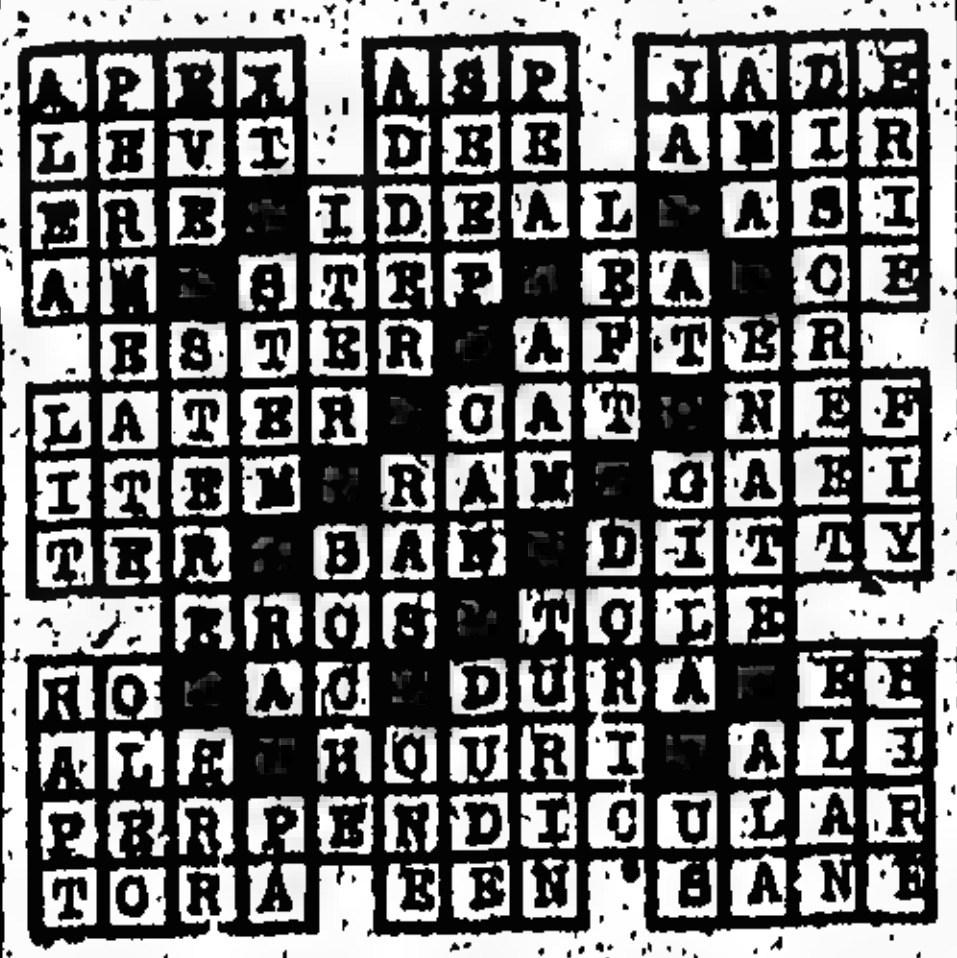
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- 12 Trojan hero
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- 17 Trial
- 18 Southwestern Indian
- 20 Small roll of tobacco leaves (var.)
- 22 Hindu weight
- 23 Thick slice
- 25 To cut
- 27 Note of scale
- 28 Macabre
- 30 French composer
- 32 Hence
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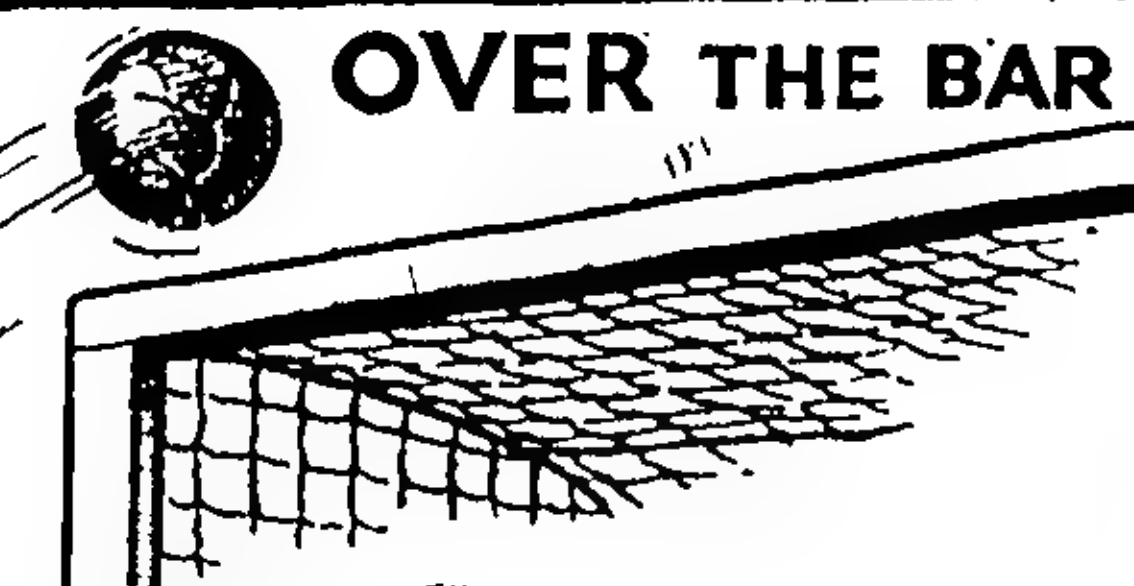
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- 5 Roman household gods
- 6 To cajole
- 7 Note of scale
- 8 Emmet
- 9 Artificial mounds
- 10 Painters' stands
- 11 Occasion
- 13 To wander off
- 16 Old
- 19 Auriculate
- 21 Puzzle
- 24 Printer's dabber-like implement
- 28 Tricks
- 29 Heron
- 31 Thong
- 33 Muslim dress-goods
- 35 In a pile
- 36 Colloquial: the head
- 37 Invisible emanation
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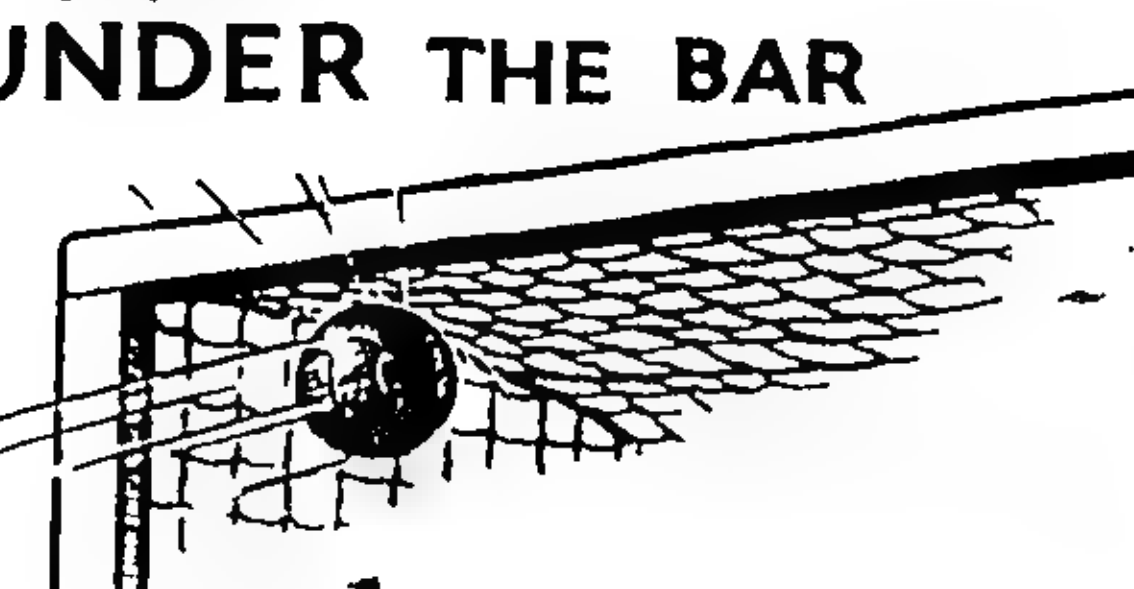
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BIG BLOW BY R.A.F. IN 1941 --U.S. VIEW

"WE WILL NOT BE surprised if England, led by the R.A.F., wins the war in 1941." This declaration is made by the magazine, "Flying and Popular Aviation," which has a high reputation in American flying circles.

"Few people realise the scope of the offensive the British are almost certain to launch next spring or summer," the magazine says. "To-day the British warplane production is tremendous, even from the standpoint of present American production.

"Canada has already trained tens of thousands of military flyers, and additional tens of thousands are being trained. Several thousand flyers soon will come to the United States for initial training at many schools that have been training U.S. Army pilots.

"By next summer Britain will have thousands of first-line warplanes in reserve, including several thousand of the most modern American warplanes.

"The R.A.F. will have sufficient numbers of Bell Aircobras and Curtiss P.40s to wipe the German air force from the skies over England.

"Britain's long-range Wellington bombers will be augmented by numbers of Consolidated B.24s and Boeing Flying Fortresses.

Devastating Bombing

"They will carry the actual offensive over Germany. B.17s will be accompanied by long-range, heavily-armed fighters at altitudes to 35,000 ft.

"German fighters will be almost helpless against them. Bombers using gyroscopic bomb-sights will go after German industry.

"At 35,000 feet British bombers will be well out of range of anti-aircraft fire. Sound detectors are nearly useless at such a range. German interceptors could not reach the high altitudes before the bombers' work was done and they were on their way home.

"So German and Italian industry will be subjected to devastating bombing raids in broad daylight as well as at night.

"The question will be: How long will Germany be able to stand total war more devastating than that to which London has been subjected?"

CUPID IN RETREAT

After walking out with a girl for four years and giving her an engagement ring, a man, it was stated in an undefended breach of promise suit at Swansea, sent her this letter:—

"Madam: From several circumstances which have occurred I feel assured that our marriage would only be productive of mutual misery, especially as I with sorrow perceive that our dispositions are by no means alike.

"Thus expressed it is best to retreat in time.

"I have therefore to state that I beg permission to decline further intercourse of a tender nature.

"I am, Ada, your obedient servant, E. J. Evans."

It was stated that the man's parents were against the marriage and that he admitted that his mother had dictated the letter.

Damages of £110, including £10 special damages and costs, were awarded to the plaintiff, Miss Katherine May Jones, twenty-four, seamstress, of Courtlands Road, Forest Pontardulais, against Emily John Evans, a burner, employed at Swansea.

Evidence was given that the engagement ring was given to the girl in July and the marriage arranged. The letter was dated October 2 last.

DEATH HAD FIRST CALL

A telephone bell shrilled persistently through a warden's post at Ilminster Avenue, Bristol, but the man sitting in front of the instrument did not lift his hand to the receiver.

At the other end a white-faced woman, who had been wondering why her husband had not come home, raised the alarm. In a few moments she knew the reason he had not replied, and would never answer her again.

Through the night, Warden Edward Dowling, forty-eight, of Kerry Road, Bristol, had been sitting dead at his post of duty. Near him, dead on a camp bed, lay Messenger Frederick Jenkins, seventeen, of Carlsbrook Road, Bristol. The room was full of gas.

Mr. E. Roosevelt, post warden, who found the bodies, said: "It looks as if, turning in his sleep, the boy moved the camp bed and knocked one of the legs against a gas pipe."

A Misunderstanding

"Mr. Dowling apparently became unconscious as he was rising to investigate the leak.

"He should have been relieved earlier, but through a misunderstanding the duty man did not come on at the usual time."

Mrs. Elisabeth Jenkins said: "Fred has been out through all the worst of the raids.

"In one blitz he dashed down



Loretta Young, who is co-starred with Melvyn Douglas in "He Stayed for Breakfast," at the King's Theatre.

19 OF FAMILY GIVE BLOOD

Twenty-six members of the Jacobs family marched into a New York hospital and said in unison: "We want to give our blood to Britain."

Led by Wallace Jacobs, of Forest Hills, Long Island, the party included his wife and two sons, sisters, brothers, nephews, nieces, aunts and uncles.

Soon nineteen of them, including Miss Julia Jacobs, aged sixty, were giving blood for shipment to Britain's wounded.

The remaining seven, rejected for health or age reasons, wept their protests.

"The Jacobs family admires Britain so much that we feel honoured to mingle our blood with her," Wallace Jacobs said. "But to-day's effort is nothing.

"Wait until next month, when the family will be fully mobilised for a bigger and better march on the hospital. Then there will be thirty-five to forty Jacobs—all my relatives. There will, too, be at least 200 friends."

to our shelter to see if we were all right."

Mrs. Dowling said: "My husband was in the Navy and went through the whole of the last war, although he was torpedoed three times."

ANOTHER U-BOAT SENT TO BOTTOM

A GUN BOOMED, and in the split second between that warning and the ringing of the alarm bell heavy boots began clattering on iron steps as the convoy men raced to action stations.

A U-boat had been sighted; the hunt was on. Depth charges were set ready, gunners stood by eagerly, sound detectors got to work, and a trawler chugged along, guided by the sound locators, ferreting out the skulking U-boat.

Then came the signal that put every man on his toes: "Enemy located." From that moment there was not much hope for Jerry.

He tried to circle to safety but the trawler, too altered course, and quickly closed in.

Over the side went the depth charges, and the trawler raced on. Relentlessly the trawler turned to run in for the second attack. The submarine lay still, either stricken or foxing.

Already there was some thin oil on the surface of the sea. Again the trawler raced over the spot and—more depth charges went hurtling over.

But the trawler turned again to investigate, taking no chances.

"The chief," came on deck from the engine-room. "Any bodies yet?" He asked grimly, for

he had a score to settle. He lost his brother in a minesweeper only a week ago.

He decided to attack again, so the trawler made a third attack.

Then the coxswain dropped a buoy carrying a red flag and a lamp to mark the spot.

Sparks had passed the running commentary of the attack over the air to the base. Back came the wireless message ordering the trawler to stand by during the night lest any sign of life should come from the submarine.

And if that was not enough—for the Admiralty won't write off a U-boat without being certain—dawn brought a destroyer to the spot to check evidence of the kill.

Just one more U-boat gone to the bottom.

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DIPLOMACY OF TERROR

By the manner in which he has handled the Balkan nations—keeping them divided, working on their mutual jealousies and immemorial feuds, concentrating his pressure on one country at a time, enforcing "moderate" demands which enable him when granted to make further and less moderate demands, infiltrating one country after another "peacefully" with "military instructors," "technicians" and "tourists," until the number and equipment are great enough to render further disguises needless—by tactics such as these, Hitler has once more shown himself to be a diplomatic strategist of consummate cunning. Just as before he made outright war Hitler had marched from one "bloodless" conquest to another: Austria, the Sudetenland, Czechoslovakia, Memel—so now, resuming this "bloodless" conquest even within a war, he has tightened the Nazi vise successively around Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, and has begun to apply it to Yugoslavia.

For Hitler has mastered the lesson which, in spite of repeated demonstrations, his victims and opponents have been so slow to learn—that "diplomacy" and "war" are not two separate things but merely two aspects of the same thing. They are both part of that Grand Strategy which has been defined as "that which so directs and integrates the policies and armaments of the nation that the resort to war is either rendered unnecessary or is undertaken with the maximum chances of victory." And in this broadened conception of strategy, the dividing line between "peace" and "war" all but disappears.

In using diplomacy as an instrument of war, in driving a diplomatic wedge between countries to make a later military wedge unnecessary, in using threats, so to speak, to economise on army divisions, Hitler and his Axis partners have the great advantage over their democratic opponents not only of being unscrupulous and ruthless, but of having established solid reputations for those qualities. When they threaten they are able to show their intended victims that they have not hesitated in the past to machine-gun civilians and to wipe out open cities, sometimes purely as a "demonstration." Whichever side a weak neutral country may prefer to help, Hitler feels that he can terrorise it into helping him.

But there is one weakness in this formidable-looking structure. It depends absolutely and at all times on strength at the centre. It is not only Hitler's victims that are kept in line through fear of him; his ostensible friends and allies, Russia, Japan, Italy, even Austria, even great numbers of Germans, hate and fear him no less. If the Nazi leaders were once revealed to be weak at the centre, their whole "new order" would quickly fall into fragments. Of their opponents this is not true. If a single bomb were to destroy a handful of Nazi leaders, the whole aspect of the world might change in a few weeks; but if such a bomb were to wipe out the present British Cabinet, great as the loss would be it would not change at all the determination of the British people to carry on the war. If England itself were invaded and subjugated, the fight for freedom would go on in other parts of the British Commonwealth.

It is possible for tyranny to be struck down by a well-directed blow, but throughout the world men will fight for their liberty as long as they retain the power to carry on the struggle.

An Air Offensive?

By Hanson W. Baldwin

The final humiliation and virtual destruction of Marshal Graziani's thoroughly beaten Libyan Army have provided the highlights in the Mediterranean theatre of the war.

But, important though the British victory has been in the orbit of Mediterranean conflict and perhaps in consequences yet to be felt, it is perhaps rivalled in significance by the British air offensive against the Channel coast.

Not only do the continued assaults by British bombers against the so-called invasion ports indicate British determination to beat the Germans to the punch and to throw off balance a possible invasion attempt but their importance is underscored by the methods adopted.

Here are no sporadic hit-and-run raids, but the inception, according to British officers, of an air offensive against German-dominated territory that Britain hopes can be continued until the war ends. The raids are distinguished, first, by the fact that they are made in daylight; second, in being protected by mass fighter patrols, and these fighter patrols, it is indicated, will be kept over the coast of the Continent daily.

Heretofore most of the British bombing has been done by night; intermittent raids have been carried out in daylight, generally against coastal points, but not—except for a brief period during

the invasion threat of last autumn—in the continuous, determined manner started recently. And usually the bombers that made these raids have operated unprotected by fighters.



Lessons of Air War Applied

The new procedure indicates many things. First, that the British have found out, as the Germans previously learned, that daylight bombing without fighter protection is too expensive in machines and pilots lost to make the game worth the candle; largely unnoticed, British bomber losses (shot down in both night and day raids) in many recent weeks have exceeded the German losses.

Second, the aerial offensive means Britain has seized the initiative and struck first. Third, it means we have accumulated during the Winter a considerable reserve of planes and pilots and now feel strong enough in the air to strike in daylight and with continuity. Fourth, it means we have acquired fighters in sufficient numbers to enable simultaneous fighter defence of Britain and fighter protection of raiding British bombers.

But it must be remembered that the daylight bombing raids have so far been concentrated largely against coastal points in occupied

Germans In Norway

Norway is the only country in the world where the Nazis are on the defensive. More than that. In spite of all their ruthlessness, the representatives of the 100-million-master-race quite often take a severe beating, literally and symbolically, at the hands of their 3,000,000-Norwegian "subjects." True the Nazis have looted the country exhaustively, they have sent thousands to concentration camps. They have shot people at random whenever the instigator of an act of sabotage could not be found and they have made the streets of Oslo swarm with beggars. (Up to last Spring no living Norwegian had ever seen a beggar in the capital.)

But they could not quell the spirit of the people. The whole nation is on the offensive against the invaders and the result of this offensive has been described best by Maj. Quisling's aide, Nils Flom, in the official organ of Nasjonal Samling, the Quisling Party, "Fritt Folk" (Free People): "Even Nasjonal Samling men have a right to exist," wrote the Norwegian Fascist leader. Then he went on: "We need newspapers supporting our case or we must have access to local papers because we must give our opinion to counter-balance the opposition which now completely dominates the situation." This complaint was voiced at the beginning of this month, little short of a year after the country had been invaded by the Nazis!



While in other occupied countries opposition or sabotage is individualistic or the work of small groups fighting more or less underground, in Norway not only the whole population but also those who are left of their former ad-

ministration interfere with all orders coming from Hitler's puppet, the traitor Vidkun Quisling. Only last month 500 local administrators were imprisoned for sabotaging government orders. The Mayor of one city, a rather well-known nationalist leader, withdrew the licence of the biggest hotel in the city because the owner had permitted the use of the auditorium for Quisling meetings. That was a month ago; he is still in office. He does not even answer letters or orders from Oslo.

By Otto Zausmer

The Nazis have threatened that they would enforce their will upon the Norwegians by military power. But that did not frighten the people because they could not be intimidated by the present army of occupation and maintain that they would not give in to a bigger, even more brutal army.

The Germans, on the other hand, are in a bad position. It is impossible for the Nazi party to convince the German people that the Norwegians are not at least as "good Aryans" as are the Germans. And while the Germans could be persuaded that Norway had to be occupied for the German Reich they will not believe that the Norwegians are "under dogs" like the Czechs or the Poles, whom the Germans have always disliked.

Ill-feeling has been created in Germany when the Scandinavians have been handled roughly. It would be far more unpleasant if the rules were stiffened. That is why Herr Hitler prefers that the Norwegian Fascists handle the situation alone. Now, since it does not look as if they could do the job, the Nazis are about to conscript volunteers of the youngest Storm Troopers, born after

the World War, and send them to Norway.

SMITH YATES ON AN OLD ISSUE



WHO WOULDN'T BE AN EVACUEE HUSBAND?

France and Belgium, very close to British air bases. No long-range accompanying fighters are needed in such forays: the Spitfires and Hurricanes, fast and manoeuvrable, that are the principal mainstay of the defence of Britain, can, despite their limited range, fulfill the role of accompanying fighters when the objectives are only 50 to 150 miles away.

Britain apparently has not yet produced or acquired in quantity a long-range fighter capable of stabbing with the bombers deep into Germany or German-occupied territory, and until she does, until she is strong enough to bomb in daylight as in dark, the "bombing offensive" so often discussed,

and which may have been initiated in a limited fashion, cannot amount to much as an instrument for the defeat of Germany.

Whether bombing alone, without the actual aid of land troops, can ever bring Germany to her knees is, in any case, very questionable. For Germany is now sprawled across the map of Europe and the targets for raiding British bombers are innumerable.



Vast Force Would Be Needed

Some 200 bombers a night are but a drop in the bucket of the total war. Even 2,000 raiding bombers daily would probably fail to loosen the Nazi grip upon Germany. Yet, to operate 2,000 bombers continuously day after day for a protracted period there would have to be available at least 6,000 bombers—more likely 10,000—and at least 6,000 pilots and air crews, and there would have to be replacements coming from the factories and the training schools of at least 200 bombers and 200 pilots and air crews daily. For one must reckon on at least 10 per cent losses on each raid.

The terrific industrial and tactical problems in the way of continuous mass bombardments were strikingly illustrated by the waxing and waning of the German air offensive last Autumn; the assaults upon England could be kept at a peak only for a brief time.

World War experience demonstrated the immensity of the task. The British found that to maintain 1,800 planes in operation in France—not all of which, by any means, were operated daily—and more than 300 planes in operation in England for home defence, a monthly output of 1,500 planes was needed, which is probably the maximum output of Britain today. The French calculated on a monthly output of 2,400 planes and 4,000 engines monthly to maintain a tactical force of 4,000 aircraft, probably only one-half to two-thirds of which was ever operating simultaneously.

In 1918, the average monthly output of Britain was 2,668 planes and 1,841 engines; for France it was 2,852 planes and 3,359 engines (planes and engines of design far simpler than they are today), a combined monthly output of 5,520 planes and 5,200 engines, considerably more (in planes) than Germany is producing today, considerably more than any planned schedules of future American production.

The start of the British daylight bombing raids, therefore, while indicating increased British strength, should not be misconstrued. For the sheer physical difficulty of providing the thousands and thousands of bombers required to produce decisive effects seems almost insuperable.



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SAN FRANCISCO WOMAN'S CHARGES AGAINST WIEDEMANN

THE ABYSSINIAN patriot army, pushing on beyond Burye, is now less than 140 miles from Addis Ababa, the Abyssinian capital.

The Italian fort at Burye (160 miles inside the Abyssinian frontier) was captured by the patriots after days of fierce scrapping, during which they repulsed several determined counter-attacks by the enemy.

Throughout the operations the R.A.F. cooperated with untiring zeal.

Meanwhile the figures of deserters from the enemy continue to increase. The latest batch, numbering 1,700, easily beats all previous records.

These desertions indicate the extent of demoralisation and disintegration of the native elements under the command of the Duke of Aosta.

News from other East African fronts is scanty but, to quote the military spokesman in Cairo, "operations are proceeding well and according to plan."—Reuter.

JOE BECKETT IS FREED FROM GAOL

Joe Beckett, former British heavyweight boxing champion, and his wife, who were detained under the Defence Regulations last June, have been released by order of the Home Secretary.

Beckett and his wife were arrested at their home in Winchester Road, Southampton, and were taken in a car to the police headquarters, Mrs. Beckett being accompanied by her three-week-old son.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckett were alleged to have been connected with the British Union of Fascists. Shortly before their detention, Beckett, who is forty-six, joined the Home Guard.

GILBERT FIGHTS BOMB

Housewives of Nottingham make a fuss of Gilbert the horse when he stops outside their house.

And they have good reason, for Gilbert is the only horse who has tackled a Nazi bomb, put out a blaze by himself, and saved his own burning tail!

Gilbert was in a stable in Coventry during one of the heavy raids on that city. An incendiary bomb fell through the roof, set fire to his tail, and ignited the straw beneath his feet.

Gilbert kicked the blazing bomb through the open door on to a piece of waste land stamped out the burning straw, and dealt with the outbreak in his tail by rubbing himself against the side of the stall.

There were seven other horses in the building.

NO SOAP SALES IN DENMARK

All sale of soap in Denmark has been stopped by order of the Minister of Commerce, states the Copenhagen wireless service, which adds that severe rationing will follow.

SENATE AND AID BILL

U.S. Senate leaders have decided to oppose any amendments to the Lease and Lend Bill designed to confine the activities of United States troops to the Western Hemisphere.

The Senate yesterday adopted an amendment tightening Congressional control of the "purse strings."

The President is required to obtain special Congressional approval before committing the Government to future expenditure for the aid programme beyond those already authorised.

Military equipment worth \$1,300,000,000, already owned by the Government or provided for by Congress appropriation, is transferable, however, without future Congressional authorisation. — Reuter.

Mr. Hull Intervenes

U.S. Senate leaders have decided to oppose any amendments designed to confine the activities of United States troops to the Western Hemisphere.

This followed a statement by Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, expressing the view that such amendments would encourage Japanese aggression.

Another amendment approved by the Senate provides that the Secretaries of War and Navy and other department heads would fix the value of existing defence equipment to be transferred abroad. — Reuter.

MARCH 23 TO BE OBSERVED AS DAY OF PRAYER

AT THE DESIRE of the King, Sunday, March 23 will be observed as a National Day of Prayer "for strength and guidance in the days to come and thanksgiving for blessings already received," said an announcement issued from Buckingham Palace yesterday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury writes: "We cannot but be thankful when we think of the wonderful way in which we have escaped the dangers which surrounded us last summer and autumn; of the most heartening successes of the Fleet, the Army and Air Force in the Mediterranean and North Africa; of the continued unity of our own people."

"Although we dare not indulge in any boastful or easy self-confidence, for all these happenings we may well thank God and take courage."

Times Critical

Cardinal Hinsley yesterday called all Catholics to prayer on the same date, writing: "The times are critical, as perhaps never before in the history of the Church, and the position of our Holy Father is delicate or perhaps dangerous."

"Our petitions for him should be frequent and heartfelt. The Lord preserve him and give life and suffer him not to fall into the hands of his enemies." — Reuter.

CRY REVEALS A DEATH

The crying of a child revealed the death of Mrs. Flora Knill, twenty-five-year-old wife of a soldier at Port Tennant, Swansea.

She was the daughter of a Belgian settled in the district. The child's crying was heard by another occupant of the house, who entered Mrs. Knill's room and found her sitting with the younger of her two children, aged two. She had been dead about three hours.

SWISS TAX HITS DOGS

Since Swiss mobilisation costs have forced the imposition of a new capital tax and increased income tax, Swiss dog owners are showing an increasing tendency to forget their dog licences.

Swiss dog catchers are busy, and the dog-pounds are invariably full up.

ABYSSINIANS PUSH ON FROM FORT BURYE TOWARDS ADDIS ABABA

CAPTAIN WIEDEMANN, GERMAN CONSUL-GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO, IS ALLEGED TO HAVE RECEIVED OVER \$5,000,000 FROM GERMANY FOR ESPIONAGE IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

The allegation is made in a complaint filed in the Federal Court yesterday by Mrs. Alice Crockett, a San Francisco woman.

She claims Wiedemann sent her to Germany on a confidential mission and when she returned he refused to pay the \$8,000 which she demanded for her expenses.

She also declares Wiedemann told her the German Government planned to promote strife and class hatred for the purpose of destroying the unity and undermining the strength of the United States.

Mrs. Crockett also alleged that Wiedemann was "active in securing large quantities of ammunition to be used by the German-American Bund in fighting against the United States."

Ford And Lindbergh!

She also says Wiedemann directed the activities of the Bund in the United States, and he told her he "worked together with" Col. Lindbergh and Mr. Henry Ford.

Another allegation is that the German Government employed Princess Hohenlohe-Waldenburg, whose duty it was to contact and pay people employed in espionage for Germany.

The Immigration Service Appeals Board at Washington yesterday rejected an appeal by the Princess against a deportation order made against her last January. Reuter.

Mankusa Falls

Ethiopian patriots have occupied the village of Mankusa, eight miles east of Debra Markos, in the Gogjam area, 120 miles north-west of Addis Ababa, according to latest news received in Khartoum.

The Italian forces which evacuated Burye on Tuesday morning, after prolonged guerrilla pressure by the patriot army, are now in full retreat towards Debra Markos, continually harassed by the advancing Abyssinians.

An Ethiopian battalion trained in the Sudan took a prominent part in these guerrilla tactics. The patriots are being joined by large numbers of deserters from the enemy.

The R.A.F. recently has given much attention to making Burye untenable by the enemy. The latter put up a desperate resistance for several days but were unable to hold out against combined action from the air and ground.—Reuter.

Important Area Captured

The Villaggio Duca Degli Abruzzi agricultural colony, comprising some 6,000 acres with an experimental farm, which was captured some days ago, will prove a valuable acquisition for the supply of food to the British Imperial forces operating in Italian Somaliland. Situated on the banks of the

Webi Shibe'el, which had been dammed and an irrigation system installed, the area under cultivation has been steadily expanded and five years ago had reached over 10,000 acres.

Like all soil of the river system and coastal belt it is immensely productive when irrigated. Cane sugar is produced in quantity as well as bananas, fruit and vegetables.

Another crop recently exploited along the coastal belt of Somaliland is groundnuts, used for the manufacture of vegetable oil, and cattle cake which, apart from what she obtained from this colony, Italy has to purchase from abroad.—British Wireless.

WARNED HE WOULD ESCAPE

After writing home from a prison camp that he intended to escape, a nineteen-year-old North Shields boy put his plans into practice — and succeeded.

Jimmy Barnes, son of Sergeant-Major and Mrs. W. H. Barnes, of Bedford Street, North Shields, was one of the crew of a coaster captured in the River Seine when the Nazis took Paris.

Now he has reached British territory after a 600-mile hike across France, during which he spent nine weeks in different prisons and escaped three times out of enemy hands.

Yet, after hardship and semi-starvation, all he wants to do is to get back to sea.

His mother told a reporter: "I knew they would not keep Jimmy a prisoner for long. He is a devil of a lad, and would just glory in such an adventure."

"When his ship was captured by the Germans, he was taken to Paris. He escaped from there and reached Cherbourg. Once more he escaped and got to St. Nazaire."

"Then he was captured and sent to a military prison camp from which he and a Scottish soldier made their final escape and got across the Spanish frontier."

"Jimmy told us in his letters that he intended attempting an escape," said his father, who is a local recruiting officer. "I cannot understand how his letters passed the censor."

From what he described as "a sort of prison camp," Jimmy had written: "I am not staying here much longer, because if I do I shall go mad. This inactivity would make the best of men go loony."

"The authorities treat us like dirt."

SKY BLITZ FOR TWO

An aerial blitzkrieg on two men is being waged in the mountainous district near Middlesborough, Kentucky.

Sheriffs are pouring hand grenades from four planes, hoping to bomb from their hiding place killer Clyde Buchanan and his 19-year-old son.

The Buchanans fled to the mountains after killing a sheriff, wounding another, and critically wounding Middlesborough's police chief, who had tried to arrest them for alleged theft.

Ringed the district where the father and son are believed to be hiding is an army of 1,200 infuriated men and women who swear they will string them up in Middlesborough main street if they are caught alive.

County Attorney Walter Smith, who from Middlesborough headquarters is directing operations like a general said:

"This is the biggest man hunt in the history of our State. The Buchanans will soon be captured, dead or alive."

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COMING EVENTS CASTING SHADOW?

COL. DENYS REITZ, Deputy Premier of South Africa, said in a speech at Capetown yesterday that before General Smuts (who arrived in Nairobi on Tuesday) returned south, he wanted once more to confer with Mr. Eden and General Wavell.

Recalling General Smuts' previous visit north, Col. Reitz said: "I do not know whether it is a case of cause and effect but you will remember that almost immediately after the conference at Khartoum with Mr. Eden and General Wavell there followed the dramatic victories in Libya."

"We hope equally valuable results will follow his present visit as regards the Italian

'catchment' in Abyssinia. "Mussolini the misguided" once again hurled his armies into Africa but Africa responded never before.

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NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for general information that the first public session of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be held shortly on a date to be announced by proclamation in the Gazette and all persons wishing to testify before the said Commissioners are requested to give written notice to the undersigned at the Colonial Secretary's Office by the earliest possible date together with a brief memorandum of the evidence which they propose to offer.

The examination of witnesses will be held in public but the Commissioners may, if requested to do so for good cause, direct that the whole or part of any witness's evidence may be taken in private. Any request to this effect should be included in the above-mentioned memorandum.

K. M. A. BARNETT,
Secretary to the Commissioners.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1941.

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Tennis Tournament, 1941

Closing date of ENTRIES has been extended to SATURDAY, 8th March, 1941, at 6.00 p.m.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1940, at the rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings, Sterling at exchange 1/2.7/8 is payable on and after the 26th February, 1941, at the offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1941.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.
2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE.—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

BRIDGE NOTES

Crime Doesn't Pay! No. 33

By The Four Aces

To-day's Crime is contributed by a Baltimore reader:

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ J 5
♥ A 10 8 4
♦ Q 10 7 4
♣ K J 6

♠ K Q 10 7
♥ 3
♦ A 8 2
♣ 10 7 3

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♠ 6
♥ J 6 3
♦ K J 9 5
♣ 9 5 4 2

♠ A 9 8 4 2
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ 6
♣ A Q 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

"West opened a trump," writes our contributor, "South winning with the seven. Declarer promptly cashed the spade

Ace and led another spade. West winning with the spade Queen and returning another trump. South won and led a spade, ruffing with dummy's heart ten, but East over-ruffed with the Jack (which he had saved for just that purpose). Thereafter, South ruffed his fourth spade but had to lose his fifth spade and a diamond, going down one.

"North observed, at that point, that all the butchers aren't in the meat business; but refused to say how he thought the hand should have been played. Was South actually at fault, or was he just unlucky?"

South was a criminal, but he was also unlucky. It was very unfortunate to find a 5-1 spade break; particularly with East in position to over-ruff the dummy. But South need not have exposed himself to this risk. Correct play is to lead a diamond at the second trick. A trump return can be won with dummy's ten, after which South ruffs a diamond. The Jack of clubs is entry for another diamond ruff; and the King of clubs enables dummy to draw East's last trump. Declarer thus makes four trumps, two ruffs, three clubs, and one spade—a total of ten

FLOUR FOR 4,000 LOAVES WASTED

Mrs. Lillian Van Ryn, of Takeley, Essex, was fined £3, with one guinea costs, at Old Street, on a charge of causing a quantity of flour and salt to be wasted at Bishop's Way, Bethnal Green. The case was the sequel to the bombing of a bakery.

It was stated that food officers called in October and saw over three tons of flour lying about. They told servants that it should be safeguarded, but on a later call it was found that 1,224lb of flour and 40lb of salt had been rendered unfit for consumption. This represented 4,700 loaves, enough to feed 9,000 people for one day.

On Mrs. Van Ryn's behalf it was stated that she had "gone through hell" in October. Her house was bombed and her bakery damaged for the second time. The company from whom she bought the flour would not take it away without a certificate of its fitness, and three efforts to obtain one failed.

FRITZ FRETS

The long nights in Norway are apparently depressing German soldiers and the German radio has appealed for fretsaws for the troops so that they can relieve the tedium by wood carving.—Associated Press.

tricks. Two ruffs were needed for the contract; and South should have seen that ruffing the short diamond suit was safer than ruffing the long spade suit.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 8
♥ Q
♦ 8 4 2
♣ Q J 6 5

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Minor
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. You are too strong to pass, yet, wish to discourage a no-trump contract because of your singleton heart. Bidding the clubs shows that you probably have an unbalanced hand and warns against a return to no-trump unless your partner can surely take care of the unbid suit.

Score 100% for three clubs, 40% for three diamonds or three spades, 20% for three no-trump.

Question No. 657

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues.

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Minor
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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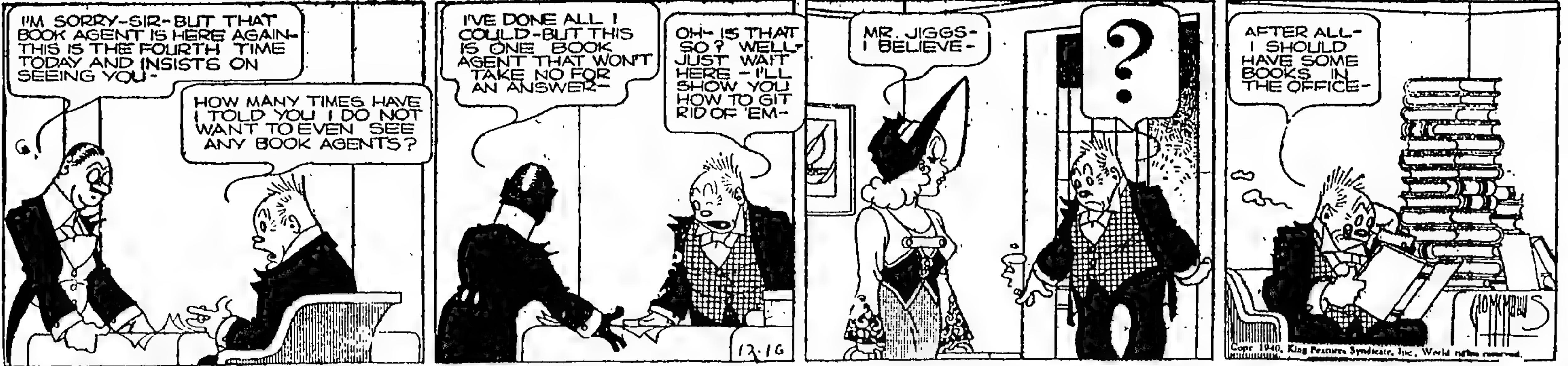
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN To Enlarge Or Reduce Bust

It is hard to believe, but it is a fact that the exercises which tend to firm and build up undersized busts, also tend to reduce the bust if practiced diligently. This is because the busts are a mass of delicate glands, which generally need firming and they respond to exercise for firming and uplifting. If a flabby bust is firmed and uplifted its flabbiness disappears and it is considerably smaller in measurement.

For All Women

Many women who have fleshy busts also have heavy upper arms, according to Miss Catherine Van Rensselaer who is figure authority of the American Woman's Association. So she has suggested the following three exercises to reduce upper arms and flabby busts, or to build up undersized busts and strengthen upper arms.

SINGLE ARM CIRCLING. Stand upright, one hand on hip, the other hand closed hanging at side. Tilt your body slightly forward from the waistline and swing hanging arm forward, up and back in a full semi-circle. Do this 15 or 20 times. Rest. Reverse arm positions and repeat exercise.

ARM FLINGING WITH TRUNK TWIST. Stand with feet six or eight inches apart, body bending forward slightly from waist, head up, chin in. Swing both arms from right to left twisting trunk at waistline. Keep knees straight. Arms should not be tense. Swing back and forth in rhythm 15 to 20 times.

ARM FLINGING AND CIRCLING. Stand erect with hands crossed in front of body. Fling arms up and back four times in rhythm, ending with arms extended outward at shoulder level. Then make four circles forward with arms, and four small circles backward. Make the circles rapidly. Repeat the whole exercise five times.

Massage Also Aids

Fleshy upper arms can be considerably reduced through professional massage, but the above



THE ARM FLINGING WITH TRUNK TWIST EXERCISE described to-day by Miss Lind say.

exercise routine should be practiced faithfully for a month or two.

A woman who has extremely oversized upper arms and bust should see a physician as frequently this condition is caused by glands functioning improperly. Women with such a problem should never wear evening gowns which have no sleeves—short loose sleeves and a deep square neck are more attractive.

To Preserve Soft Skin

There are three new beauty products especially mixed for your needs.

One is (and praise be that someone thought of presenting it to us who suffer from chapping) a satiny lotion to be rubbed all over the body, hands and face, after a bath. Ages ago heated, rare oils were rubbed on the skin of famous beauties during cold weather, and we women of to-day should be thrilled that we can do likewise at little cost. This new body lotion is flesh-coloured—just to be more appealing!

For very dry skin, or faces exposed to reflected sun from snow, there is a rich protective film which keeps your face looking as dewy as a flower-petal at dawn.

and it actually does prevent drying and chapping. Any woman may use this as a make-up base during nippy weather. It has the smoothness of velvet and cream rouges blend with it exquisitely. You may wear it with or without face powder—many young things like a shining countenance instead of a matted one.

For Your Lips

You may find that your very favoured lipstick is not sufficient to keep your lips smooth and unchapped when east winds blow. To cope with this problem there is a brand new sportstick which is neither a lipstick nor a pomade. It is, however, a most excellent

foundation for your favourite lip rouge and it does a splendid job of keeping your lips invitingly smooth! You apply it naturally, before you go out of doors and you might just as well buy the boy friend one too, if he skates or skis or such, because men simply adore them. These new sticks are creamy in shade so the sking-escort will not look like a chorus boy after application!

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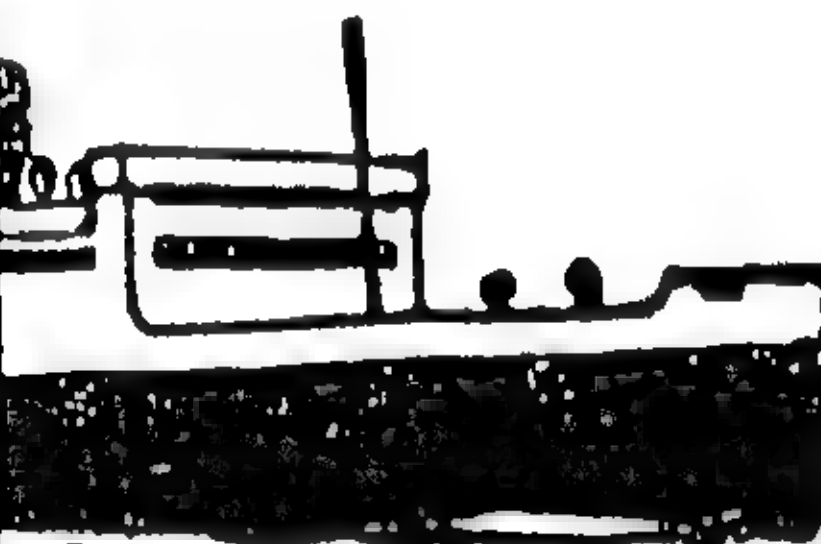
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Spanish Programme.
The Lover and the Nightingale (Granados)... Eileen Joyce (Piano).
Granada (Albeniz)... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orch.
Malaguena—Dance Espagnole (Sarasate)... Rene Benedetti (Violin) with Piano acc.
Danza 5 (Granados)... Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Piano acc.
Habanera—Dance Espagnole (Sarasate)... Rene Benedetti (Violin) with Piano acc.
Tango (Albeniz)... Barnabas Von Gezey & His Orchestra.
Soneto A Cordoba (de Falla)... Maria Barrientos (Soprano) with Piano acc.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Sam Browne (Vocal) and The London Piano-Accordeon Band.
Angellino Piccolino (Siegel): You Don't Know How Much You Can Suffer (Friend & Franklin)... The London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus.
Have You Forgotten So Soon (Gilbert & Nicholls)... Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orchestra.
Little Patchy Trousers (Noel & Pelosi)... The London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus.
Gee, Oh Gosh, I'm Grateful! (Nesbitt & Others)... Sam Browne and Girl Friend with Two Pianos.
They Would Wind Him Up and He Would Whistle (Kalmor & Ruky)... The London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus.
The Star and The Rose (Young & Schwartz)... Sam Browne with The Rhythm Sisters.
I have lost my Heart in Budapest (Puzta) (Mihaly & Feiner)... Calling Me Home (Wilfred)... The London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Selections from C. B. Cochran's Shows.
C. B. Cochran's 1930 Revue—Vocal Gens... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
C. B. Cochran Presents Bitter Sweet: Fun of the Fair; This Year of Grace; Mayfair to Montmartre; Private Lives; Wake Up and Dream; Cat and the Fiddle; 1930 Revue: Words and Music; Music in the Air; One Damn thing after another; Evergreen; Cavalcade.
The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall with Peggy Wood and Mary Ellis, Alice Delysia and Les Allen. Compere: Christopher Stone.
'Home and Beauty'... Magda Neeld, Janet Lind and Webster Booth with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.


6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Debussy.
Intermezzo from 'Fennimore and Gerda'... London Philharmonic Orchestra.
To the Queen of my Heart: Love's Philosophy... Heddie Nash (Tenor) with Gerald Moore (Piano).
Koanga—Closing Scene... London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.
Caprice... Beatrice Harrison (Cello) with Orchestra.
Summer Night on the River... Sir Thomas Beecham cond. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam.
Edwin Murrow interviews Alistair Cook.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—They All Laughed: I've Got Beginner's Luck (both from 'Shall we Dance').
Quicksteps—Millenberg Joys; Sugar Foot Stomp.
Fox-Trots—Here Comes the Sandman; Remember Me? (both from 'Mr. Dodd takes the Air').
Waltz—A Gift from Heaven.
Rumba—Spanish Jake (from 'Trans-



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atlantic Rhythm').
Fox-Trot—It's the Natural Thing to Do (film 'Double or Nothing').

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
The Whistler & His Dog (Priory). By The Blue Hawaiian Waters (Ketelbey); The Vision of Fuji-San (Ketelbey).

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Variety with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.
Vocal—I Used to be Colour Blind (film 'Carefree')... Fred Astaire with Orchestra.
Barrel-Organ—Water, Candy and Liquor (Spanish Barge's Song)... Zabaleta.
Vocal—The Piccolino (film 'Top Hat')... Ginger Rogers with Orchestra.
Barrel-Organ—Life in Spain (Niels) Zabaleta.
Vocal—Ballerina (Boutz). The Old Bussone (Ashlyn)... The Three Musketeers with Piano acc.
Clarinet—Somebody's Wrong (Ursell) Ern Pettiffer with Piano & Guitar.
Vocal—Isn't This a Lovely Day (from 'Top Hat')... Ginger Rogers with Orchestra.
Vocal—Bojangles of Harlem (film 'Swing Time')... Fred Astaire with Orchestra and Piano.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—I Concentrate on You; I've Got My Eyes on You (both from 'Broadway Melody of 1940')... Les Brown & His Orchestra.
Tangos—Trapo Viejo; Horas Fugaces... Orquesta Tipica.
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Fox-Trot—April Played the Fiddle (film 'If I had my Way')... Tommy Dorsey & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—I'll Never Fail You; Waltz—Lilac of Louvain... Jack White & His Band.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.

10.15 p.m.—Billy Thorburn at the Piano.
Waltz Medley. Intro: Whispering Waltz; You got the best of the bargain; Am I the first one?
Fox-Trot Medley. Intro: Little old Lady; Please remember; So many Memories.
Waltz Medley. Intro: Giannina Mia; Don't forget the old folks at home; When I heard the Organ play.

10.25 p.m.—Musical Comedy 'Yes, Madam'... Binnie Hale, Dobby Howes and Company with the Hippodrome Theatre Orchestra cond. by Joseph Tunbridge.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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PREMIER AT OLD SCHOOL

Joins In Harrow Songs

The Prime Minister visited Harrow School recently, and joined in singing the song of his old school in Speech Room, where he received a rousing welcome.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Churchill and Mr. L. S. Amery, Col. J. C. Moore-Brabazon, Capt. David Margesson and Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, son of the Harrovian colleague of Mr. Churchill in the Government. The Prime Minister and Mr. Amery were contemporaries in 1888 and 1889, Mr. Amery having joined the school a year earlier, in 1887.

The visitors were welcomed by the headmaster, Mr. A. P. Bousquet, and in Speech Room the Head of the School, D. C. H. McLean, presented Mr. Churchill with an illuminated copy of "The Harrow Song." The singing was conducted by Mr. H. Haywood, the school's director of music. The programme included about a dozen songs, and when these had been completed Mr. Churchill asked specially for "Ghosts of Old" and "Boy" to be sung.

A Special Verse

In the school song, "Stet Fortuna Domus," an extra verse was introduced in honour of Mr. Churchill's visit. This ran:

Nor less we praise in darker days

The leader of our nation,

And Churchill's name shall we acclaim

From each new generation

While in this fight to guard the right

Our country you defend, Sir,

Here grim and gay we mean to stay,

And stick it to the end, Sir.

For "Forty Years on," which is regarded as the Harrovian anthem, all Old Harrovians stood up to join in, including the Prime Minister. Mr. Churchill made a short speech to the boys, in which he referred to the pleasure the songs had given him. On leaving Speech Room Mr. Churchill and his colleagues were cheered from the steps of the war memorial.

KING SAID "GIVE ME YOUR HAND"

When the King toured the bombed areas of Bristol a reporter was pressed against his back by the surge of the crowd. The King turned round and, smiling, asked: "What paper do you represent?"

"The 'Daily Mirror,'" said the reporter, and added: "We've been bombed out here, sir." With a smile the King replied: "Never mind, you're carrying on, and that's what matters."

The King not only put heart into the people of Bristol by his keenness to know how the workers had tackled their jobs under the bombs. He also had a cheery word and a smile for anyone in the crowd who happened to be near him.

Driving into one of the poorer areas of the city, the King clambered over a high pile of wreckage by a large crater.

Facing him on a mound a few feet away was a small group of people. At their head stood a young man of twenty-seven in a badly-fitting suit and a woman with a tiny baby in her arms. The King asked them to come and speak to him, and they climbed over the intervening debris.

"I am George Clifford, an ambulance driver, your Honour," said the young man. "I lived just here with my wife and little boy of three," and he pointed to a large hole where once his house had stood.

"He Was Grand"

"Were you here on the night of the raid?" asked the King.

"Yes," replied Clifford. "I am not in uniform, because my clothes and everything I had were burned. But I got a family of five people out when they were trapped under the stairs of their home."

"Where was that?" asked the King.

"Under the very spot on which you are standing now, sir," said Clifford simply. The King shook him by the hand.

"He was grand," Clifford told a reporter. "He said 'Give me your hand. I glory in your pluck.'"

"The moment the bomb had fallen, and when I knew my wife and kid were safe, I managed with other men to pull a family out of their wrecked home. We also got a lot of men out of a shelter. Some died in my arms."

With The Baby

The King turned to Mrs. Beatrice Herbert, who was holding her nine-week-old baby, Desmond John.

"Where were you during the raid?" he asked.

"Under the stairs with the baby

and three other children," said Mrs. Herbert.

The King looked at the tiny morsel of humanity. "Were you holding the baby all the time," he asked.

"Oh, yes, your Majesty," said Mrs. Herbert, "but we were trapped only about five minutes. Then they got us out."

Old Mrs. Emily Clark shook hands with the King. "It has cheered us all up, your coming," she told him.

Men, women and children lining the route broke through the police cordon and thronged around him, cheering. Pressed against the bonnet of his car, the King looked across it and saw several young girls hemmed in by the crowd but still cheering.

A smile broke over his face. Then he burst out laughing as he shouted across the bonnet to Elsie Hoskins, aged fifteen, "You've caught your hair in your button."

"Thank you, your Majesty. God bless you," shouted back Elsie, as, blushing, she tried to extricate her blonde locks from her coat collar.

Queen Mary visited three hostels for air raid evacuees in Bristol after lunching with the King and hearing his impressions of the damage and the high morale of the people.

AMATEUR TOWS BOMB AWAY

2nd Lt. John MacMillan Stevenson Patton, of the Royal Canadian Engineers, has been awarded the George Cross "for most conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner."

He was engaged in clearing debris when a member of the Home Guard told him that a big bomb which had fallen in the vicinity had failed to explode.

He inspected the bomb, decided it was in much too dangerous a position to be left there, and obtained an Army lorry and a length of cable.

After fastening the cable round the missile 2nd Lt. Patton sat on the running-board of the lorry to watch what happened while the bomb was dragged behind the vehicle to a field.

It was decided that it would be best to dump the bomb in an old crater. After careful manoeuvring it was deposited gently in the hole.

2nd Lt. Patton, an expert in chemical engineering, at that time knew nothing of the technique of tackling unexploded bombs. He became so interested that he is now attached to a bomb disposal unit of the R. E. He is 25 and married.

INDIA'S COTTON OUTPUT

The war has stimulated the demand for Indian cotton piecegoods from a number of Empire countries, including the Straits, Australia and South Africa, said the Chairman of the Bombay Millowners' Association at the annual meeting in Bombay yesterday.

He added that the Netherlands East Indies and Egypt also recently evinced interest in purchases from India, with the result that month by month exports had shown a tendency to increase and a valuable export trade was now being built up.—Reuter.

HUSBAND'S MISTAKE

WHEN SARAH BENDISH LEFT HER HUSBAND, SHE WROTE HIM A FAREWELL NOTE, BUT HER HANDWRITING WAS SO DIFFICULT TO READ THAT IT CAUSED HIM TO NAME THE WRONG MAN, NICHOLAS FLACK, AS CO-RESPONDENT.

Nicholas Flack had been on his annual elephant slaying expedition at the time and William Bendish lost the case. As he did not know where to find his wife, the matter was allowed to drop until William met the widow of the late Canon Bell Mason.

He is making considerable progress in the conquest of the mature charms of Mrs. Bell Mason when his wife suddenly reappears. Since she left her husband, Sarah has become a very successful designer of hats in New York, using the name of "Sarah Simple." The entrance of the poised and very attractive "Sarah Simple" into William Bendish's life leads to a series of complications and difficult situations. His young twin nephew and niece add to the complications, while acting as his own co-respondent, in a precarious disguise and at the village inn, is not the least of the difficult situations.

Such is the comedy written by A. A. Milne, which the Hong Kong A.D.C. are presenting at the China Fleet Club Theatre on March 19, 20, 21 and 22.

The play, with Leonora Corbett as "Sarah Simple," A. D. Whatmore as William Bendish, and Agnes Lauchlan as Mrs. Bell Mason after receiving excellent notices from the critics in London had a long run at the Garrick Theatre.

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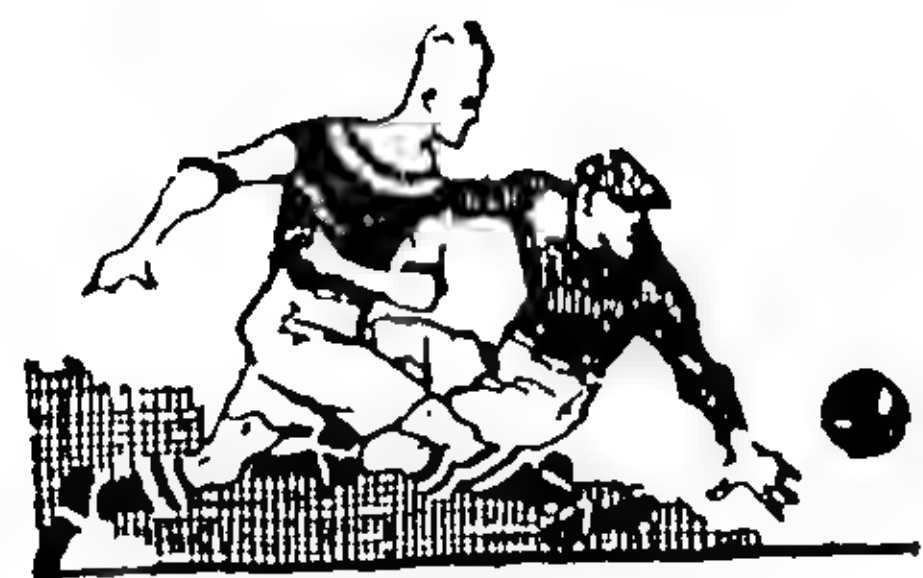
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REVISED SOCCER FIXTURES

The revised fixtures for the remainder of the Football Season was drawn up last night at the Meeting of the Management Committee.

Several games will be played during the week but these will only affect Service teams.

Following are the League fixtures for the week-end ending March 15/16.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

FIRST DIVISION

Police v Royal Scots
(Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

26th R.A. v Signals
(Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)
20th R.A. v 35th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 3.15 p.m.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

FIRST DIVISION

South China v Police
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

Royal Scots v Kowloon
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)

St. Joseph's v Navy
(Navy ground, 4.30 p.m.)

Club v Middlesex
(Club, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v Club
(Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)

Service Corps v Kowloon
(St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)

South China v Royal Scots
(Caroline Hill, 3.00 p.m.)

Kit Chee v Middlesex
(Club, 3.00 p.m.)

Engineers v 30th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)

Navy v Sing Tao
(Navy ground, 3.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Air Force v 20th R.A.
(Chatham Road, 3.00 p.m.)

35th R.A. v 24th R.A.
(Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)

7th R.A. v Engineers
(Military, 4.30 p.m.)

R.A.M.C. v 36th R.A.
(Military, 3.00 p.m.)

International v 12th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)

A.S.A. v Shell
(Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

GOVERNOR'S CUP

Hong Kong Football Association v
Hong Kong Chinese Amateur
Athletic Federation.
(Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)

GOVERNOR'S CUP TEAM

The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Football Association in the Second Game of the Governor's Cup competition to be played on Navy ground on Sunday, March 16, at 3.30 p.m.:

Bankier (Royal Scots); Roughley (Navy); and Fraser (Royal Scots) (Capt.); Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex); and Thomas (Middlesex); Fowler (Club); Le Page (Navy); Howlett (Police); Ferrier (Police) and Rietzen (Club).

Reserves—Lapsley (Kowloon); Blackburn (Police); Pope (Police); Barber (Navy); Hossack (Royal Scots); Sheehan (Middlesex); and Hedy (Navy).

Team Manager:—Captain R. E. Guest.

Dodgers Signs Waner

The Brooklyn Dodgers to-day announced they had signed Paul Waner, veteran outfielder given his unconditional release by the Pittsburgh Pirates last December.

Artillery Defeat Middlesex Easily

Royal Engineers, winners of the Small Units Rugby tournament, negotiated a stiff hurdle when at Sookunpoo yesterday they beat Royal Scots by a try (3 points) to nil in the Large Units Rugby Competition.

Engineers fully deserved their win but in the second half the Royal did a lot of pressing and the Sappers had to be at their best to keep them from scoring.

Foley and Jones were brilliant as Sappers' halves and did well. The former played a hard game and set his three-quarters in motion several times. Jones was also prominent and played a good game.

Birrell was again their most dangerous three quarter and with Martin was prominent with good runs down the field.

CRICKET UNDER FOUL CONDITIONS

The weather was such over the week-end that cricket was well-nigh impossible. I say well-nigh because although all the other matches were called off, the Indians-Tamar game, a friendly, was decided at Sookunpoo. That was decency, if nothing else, for conditions were, to say the least, appalling, and good cricket was impossible.

However, as both Tamar and I.R.C. juniors badly needed match practice, the skippers decided to have a go at it although it did not do the wicket any good, though I am glad to see that the groundsmen took the precaution of pitching the sticks just outside the usual match wicket.

The Indians were without their skipper, M. R. Abbas, who was nursing an injured foot, and a few of their regular players but they had A. R. Kitchell, of their senior team, playing for them.

Tamar had first lease of the wicket and, as usual, A. M. Rumonly nine men and under the conceded the bowling. Strangely enough the wet wicket did not suit Rumonly, a spin bowler, but proved to be to the liking of Arculli, the fast bowler, who found the slippery surface of some assistance to him, the ball coming off with a nip.

Two of the Ship's team evidently thought the weather too wet for cricket and did not show up, and as a result they batted only nine men and under the conditions that were prevailing did quite well to muster 106 runs. Whiteside topped the list with 36 while Hopkins helped with a useful, though somewhat lucky 30. The former got most of his runs with a powerful square-cut, but that appeared to be about his only scoring stroke as he was content to stop anything that was straight with a "dead" bat.

Hopkins was lucky to gather his 30 as by the time he came in to bat the wicket, or rather the run up to it, was such that the bowlers found it difficult to get a firm foothold and as a result there were quite a few loose ones to be banged about.

In fairness to the Tamar bowlers, therefore, the same must be said for them when the Indians went in to bat. Kitchell and Arculli gave the side a comfortable start but it was left to M. I. Abdul-Razack to knock off most of the runs that were required. Indeed, the rest of the side, with the exception of A. Ebrahim, fared so badly that at one stage Tamar stood a very good chance of pulling off a win.

With 4 for 51, West returned the best figures for Tamar. He appears to be a more than useful bowler and it is indeed a pity that the exigencies of the Services preclude his more frequent participation in cricket here.

Whiteside went on as last change but one did not have much chance of seeing what he could do with the ball as he took the last wicket with the first delivery he sent down to bring the match to an end.

In the forward line Appleby, Sheidrake and Blackman were the pick of the winners' pack.

Scots played well and saw just as much of the ball but did not gain as much ground as they should have done when in possession. Vealon played well in the half back line and gave a sound display while Douglass was also prominent.

Sappers pressed from the start but lack of good kicking prevented them from scoring. Sappers scored their try through Sheidrake but Birrell failed to convert.

In the second half Royals reshuffled their side and pressed most of the time. Foley, Jones and Birrell were forced to relieve pressure and though Sappers were hard put they managed to keep Royals from scoring.

ROYAL ENGINEERS Heath Barrow, Martin, Rees, Jones, Pickett, Fowler, Appleby, Killeen, Wilton, Redman, Brinkley, Sheldrick, Otway and Davis.

ARTILLERY WIN

ROYAL SCOTS—Pinkerton, Patterson, Douglass, Bateman, Fairley, Hanson, Vealon, Gracie, Hunter, Duke, Millar, Livingstone, Coombe, Sutherland, and Durie.

Royal Artillery proved too strong for Middlesex and won by two goals and four tries (22 points) to a penalty and a try (6 points) in the other Large Units game at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Hook, Keeble, Richards and March were outstanding for Gunners while Freshwater was prominent for the losers.

R.A.—Easterbrook; March, Keeble, Giblin, Richards; Hook, Dobbinson; Bompas, Wedderburn, Delderfield, Heath, Mew, Page, Eddison, and McDermott.

MSEX—Moggeridge; Jackson, Freshwater, Sheehan, Jones; Radley, Willoughby; Jennings, Wokey, Burrell, Pearce, Goddard, Bayly, Gilham, and Thompson.

SIGNALS' CRICKET WIN

In a Small Units Knock Out Competition cricket match, Royal Corps of Signals defeated the Royal Army Pay Corps by five wickets at Sookunpoo yesterday.

R.A.P.C.
Sgt. Murray, b Dixon 4
Cpl. Ingleby, b Blount 1
Sgt. Chalcraft, b Dixon 7
Sgt. Hemming, not out 8
S/Sgt. Happe, l.b.w., b Murphy 12
Mr. Navey, b Murphy 3
Cpl. Pendergast, c Carroll, b Murphy 2
S/Sgt. Adlam, b Murphy 0
Cpl. Stone, b Dixon 6
S/Sgt. Carden, l.b.w., b Murphy 0
S/Sgt. Pinkney, st., b Murphy 12
Extras (B8, NB4) 12
Total 60

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Dixon 13 4 21 4
Blount 7 1 10 1
Murphy 5 0 17 6
Dixon bowled four no balls.

SIGNALS
Cpl. Blount, b Ingleby 0
Sharland, c Ingleby, b Chalcraft 22
Murphy, l.b.w., b Pinkney 29
Tomlinson, not out 6
Bucke, b Ingleby 0
Lithauer, b Ingleby 0
Dixon, not out 0
Extras (B4) 4

Total (for 5 wks.) 61
Pitcher, Brakenbury, Copsey and Carroll did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Ingleby 0 0 21 3
Navey 3 0 13 0
Chalcraft 3 0 15 1
Pinkney 2 0 8 1

LEAGUE TABLES

SECTION "A"

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's	7	1	6	47	11	12
Chung Wah	6	1	5	40	14	10
V.R.C.	6	3	3	21	33	6
Recreio	7	3	4	29	34	6
J.R.C.	7	7	0	15	48	0

SECTION "B"

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.C.C.	7	1	6	40	23	12
St. John's	7	1	6	42	21	12
St. Andrew's	7	4	3	33	30	6
Kowloon Tong	6	4	2	24	30	4
Police	7	7	0	14	49	0

YESTERDAY'S BADMINTON RESULTS

Several matches were played yesterday in the "B" Division of the Badminton League and St. John's defeated their Kowloon Cricket Club, their nearest rivals, by the odd game in nine.

St. Andrew's won easily against Police while Victoria Recreation Club accounted for Jewish Recreation Club.

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.) beat N. L. Smith and P. Wilson 21-7

lost to H. Eardley and D. Kwok 13-21

beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd 21-4

J. L. Anderson and D. S. Hazell (K.C.C.)

lost to Smith and Wilson 20-24

lost to Eardley and Kwok 5-21

beat Maynard and Ladd 21-4

H. S. Jones and E. Zimmern (K.C.C.)

lost to Smith and Wilson 14-21

lost to Eardley and Kwok 6-21

beat Maynard and Ladd 21-7

WIN FOR ST. ANDREW'S

St. Andrew's beat Police by 6 sets to 3.

Gillies and Gordon (Police)

beat Fincher and Merrett 21-11

beat Brown and Gray 21-16

beat Davies and Gillespie 21-6

Major and Siu (Police)

lost to Fincher and Merrett 8-21

lost to Brown and Gray 9-21

lost to Davies and Gillespie 7-21

Mackenzie and Shepherd (Police)

lost to Fincher and Merrett 4-21

lost to Brown and Gray 6-21

lost to Davies and Gillespie 3-21

JEWISH R.C. BEATEN

At Bonham Road, King's College beat Club de Recreio by 8 games to 1.

S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)

beat A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha 21-11

beat E. A. R. Alves and P. Boteho 21-2

beat B. T. Gosano and P. A. Yvanovich 21-7

K. J. Attwell and K. H. Lo (King's)

beat Xavier and Noronha 21-13

beat Alves and Boteho 23-20

lost to Gosano and Yvanovich 18-21

K. L. Lui and H. T. Woo (King's)

beat Xavier and Noronha 21-12

beat Alves and Boteho 21-6

beat Gosano and Yvanovich 21-3

RECREIO CRICKET TEAM

Following will represent Recreio juniors against H.M.S. Tamar in a friendly Cricket match on Saturday at King's Park:

E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), A. E. Noronha, H. A. Barros, E. M. L. Soares, N. A. Beltrao, J. A. Soares, A. H. Remedios, L. J. Remedios, F. J. Remedios, A. A. Lopes and A. J. M. Prata.

H.K.F.A. MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 5.30 p.m. in the Association's office, when the draw for the Semi-final rounds of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions will be made.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

Following is the programme for the First Round Matches of the various Badminton Championships.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

At King's College
MEN'S SINGLES JUNIOR
J. L. Anderson v Ho Weng Toh.
(7.00 p.m.)

P. A. Yvanovich v H. Dingsdale.
(7.45 p.m.)

MEN'S SINGLES SENIOR
S. Amplayanar v P. K. Hool.
(8.30 p.m.)

MEN'S DOUBLES JUNIOR
T. S. Young & M. K. Fung v D. Chelliah & K. H. Khoo.
(9.15 p.m.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

At Taikoo Club
C. Au v H. C. Eardley.
(8.00 p.m.)

MEN'S DOUBLES JUNIOR
F. Kwok & D. Kwok v C. F. Chiu & S. C. Liang.
(8.45 p.m.)

R. M. Lavalie & N. A. Beltrao v M. Talan & J. Odell.
(9.30 p.m.)

MONDAY, MARCH 17

At King's College
MEN'S DOUBLES JUNIOR
P. C. Leung & K. F. Chiu v E. A. R. Alves & P. P. Boteho.
(7.00 p.m.)

C. C. Pereira & A. E. Xavier v J. Hool & T. B. Teoh.
(7.45 p.m.)

P. A. Yvanovich & B. T. Gosano v A. L. Fisher & P. Wynter-Blyth.
(8.30 p.m.)

MIXED DOUBLES
E. Zimmern & Mrs. Zimmern v P. Wong & Miss Ribeiro.
(9.15 p.m.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

At Club de Recreio
MEN DOUBLES JUNIOR
J. L. Anderson & W. Gillies v W. T. Ho & A. C. Cheung.
(7.00 p.m.)

MEN'S SINGLES JUNIOR
R. M. Lavalie v Peter Lo.
(7.45 p.m.)

T. S. Young v J. Tsang.
(8.30 p.m.)

MIXED DOUBLES
E. Gillespie & Miss Wong v H. C. Eardley & Miss Eardley.
(9.15 p.m.)

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

At Taikoo Club
MEN'S SINGLES JUNIOR
E. Zimmern v J. Hool.
(8.00 p.m.)

MIXED DOUBLES
K. W. Choy & K. B. Low v J. J. Remedios & H. F. Gonsalves.
(8.45 p.m.)

D. Kwok & Mrs. Wilson v M. A. Oliveira & Miss Silva.
(9.15 p.m.)

NO HOMERS IN ONLY THREE PARKS

Joe DiMaggio failed to hit home runs in only the Cleveland and Washington baseball parks during the 1940 season.

The Yankee outfielder collected 17 home runs in Yankee Stadium, five at Sportsmen's Park, St. Louis; four at Comiskey Park, Chicago; three at Fenway Park, Boston; and one each at Briggs Stadium, Detroit and Shibe Park, Philadelphia. Some of the Yankees' games with Cleveland were played in League Park, others at Municipal Stadium.

CLUB "A" BEAT NAVY

A fairly strong Club "A" side beat Navy "A" by a try and a penalty (6 points) to a goal (5 points) at Happy Valley.

Rutherford scored close in for Navy and Paul added the points. Shortly afterwards Day scored for Club, but Aitkenhead failed to convert. Just before the interval Aitkenhead kicked a penalty.

STRAIN OF PROFESSIONAL TENNIS

Alice Marble will earn at least £8,000 during her 18 weeks' tour as a professional, says a London correspondent.

Not too bad, but she will find it pretty grim work, and, most of it being on wood, tough, mighty tough, on the poor feet Ellsworth Vines once solemnly told me he knew no woman who could stand up to the strain of it, and, having run thousands of miles, under the bright lights, he should know.

I recall a very late night sitting in Arthur Elms's sanctum sanctorum at Wimbledon when Fred Perry, having not come back after a year of professional tennis in America, opened his heart on this (and many other) subject.

Fred, squatting cross legged on the floor, dead weary after a terrific five setler with Cochet, confessed the monotony of it had driven him to golf.

He added, a professional's game was bound to suffer. "It gets grooved and mechanical for lack of class match incentive," he said, but indignantly I said there was ever any illusion of "throwing a game" no matter how often you faced the same opponent.

The mystery to me is that there is enough money in these tours to show a promoter's profit after the players have taken their share of the purse, but I don't suppose the shrewd Jack Harris is in it for his health.

Anyway, Big Bill Tilden, still going strong at 47, has never complained of fallen arches or a pain in the back, though complaints are his long-suit.

FRANCE OUT OF TENNIS PICTURE

Jean Borotra, world famous tennis player, who has been made French Sport Commissary by Marshal Philippe Petain, said in an interview recently that until peace is restored in Europe there could be no question of international matches in France.

The "Bouncing Basque," who in 1927, won the Davis Cup for France, at Germantown, with his team composed of Rene Lacoste, Henri Cochet, and Jacques Brugnon, said:

"Since France's star players, Yvon Petra and Henri Pelizza, are in German prison camps it would be impossible for France to participate in tennis matches abroad.

With the 1,800,000 French prisoners scattered throughout Germany and the occupied zone of France," he continued, "and every French family with at least one member in captivity, we do not feel up to playing in public. Thus, France will not be represented at Davis Cup matches next summer. However, there will be French inter-regional championships to be held in Paris on the courts of the Tennis Club de France.

Cochet A Farmer

"Henri Cochet, (another of the Four Horsemen of the 1927 'Cup' days), has bought a farm near Paris and devotes most of his time to agricultural line, I was assured that Henri Cochet still plays tennis in his spare time. "As for Rene Lacoste," Borotra pursued, "he has accepted to head the French Lawn Tennis Federation, replacing Pierre Gillou, who resigned. However, Gillou will continue in his functions until July 1 when Rene Lacoste will take over."

FONSECA LAUDS KUHLE

Lew Fonseca, who played the position himself, says Joe Kuhle of the White Sox is the finest fielding first baseman he has seen in either major league in years.

DERBY WON ON THREE LEGS

One expects a man who plays with millions to know how to take a short-head beating or win the Derby without showing a flicker of emotion.

Jack Joel, who died at his St. Albans home, certainly looked the least excited man at Epsom when his beloved Sunstar won the world's greatest race—11 years after he started his Turf career.

I have seen "Uncle Jack" get more emotional, throwing quarts into a bucket at one of brother Solly's famous Ascot Sunday parties, an exclusive men-only event which once inspired the Mr. Gossip of the day to perpetrate the clever jingle headline, "Jolly souls at Solly Joel's."

And so it was when with Steve



up the ill-fated Humorist—he was found dead in his box not long afterwards—won again for him in 1921 after a desperate neck and neck finish with Craig-en-Eran.

Won Despite Dud Leg

Sunstar won the Derby on three legs. It's an astonishing story.

The colt went lame a few days before the race, and getting him to the post was a Morton miracle.

Stern, the French jockey, had the ride because neither Frank Wootton nor Danny Maher was available.

Stern afterwards said that he felt his mount falter about a hundred yards from home, and he knew the dud leg had gone. He was literally carried past the

post by the momentum of his grand gallop and his big heart. Then he collapsed.

Triumph And Tragedy

Equally dramatic was Jack Joel's other Derby triumph with Humorist in 1921, ten years after Sunstar.

A fortnight after the race Morton found Humorist bleeding at the mouth after a canter on the morning of a race he was to run at Ascot.

Humorist was sent back to his stable, and one afternoon the head lad found him dead in his box.

It was found at the post-mortem that he had been suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs.

"Lucky Joel" had won two Derbies with sick horses!

He won the Oaks four times. At his country house there was a memorial to his best-loved mare, Doris, the mother of Sunstar.

DUKE OF WINDSOR TO GIVE GOLF EXHIBITIONS

Miami, Florida, February 13.—Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen and Tommy Armour, four of the world's most famous golfers, have all accepted invitations to compete in the Red Cross benefit golf match in Nassau, Bahamas, which the Duke of Windsor, Governor of the Bahama Islands, is sponsoring.

The match will be held on March 15 and 16.

The Duke expects to play with the golf stars on the first day, and on the 16th will be honorary referee of a four-ball game.

All the proceeds will be turned over to the Red Cross.—Reuter.

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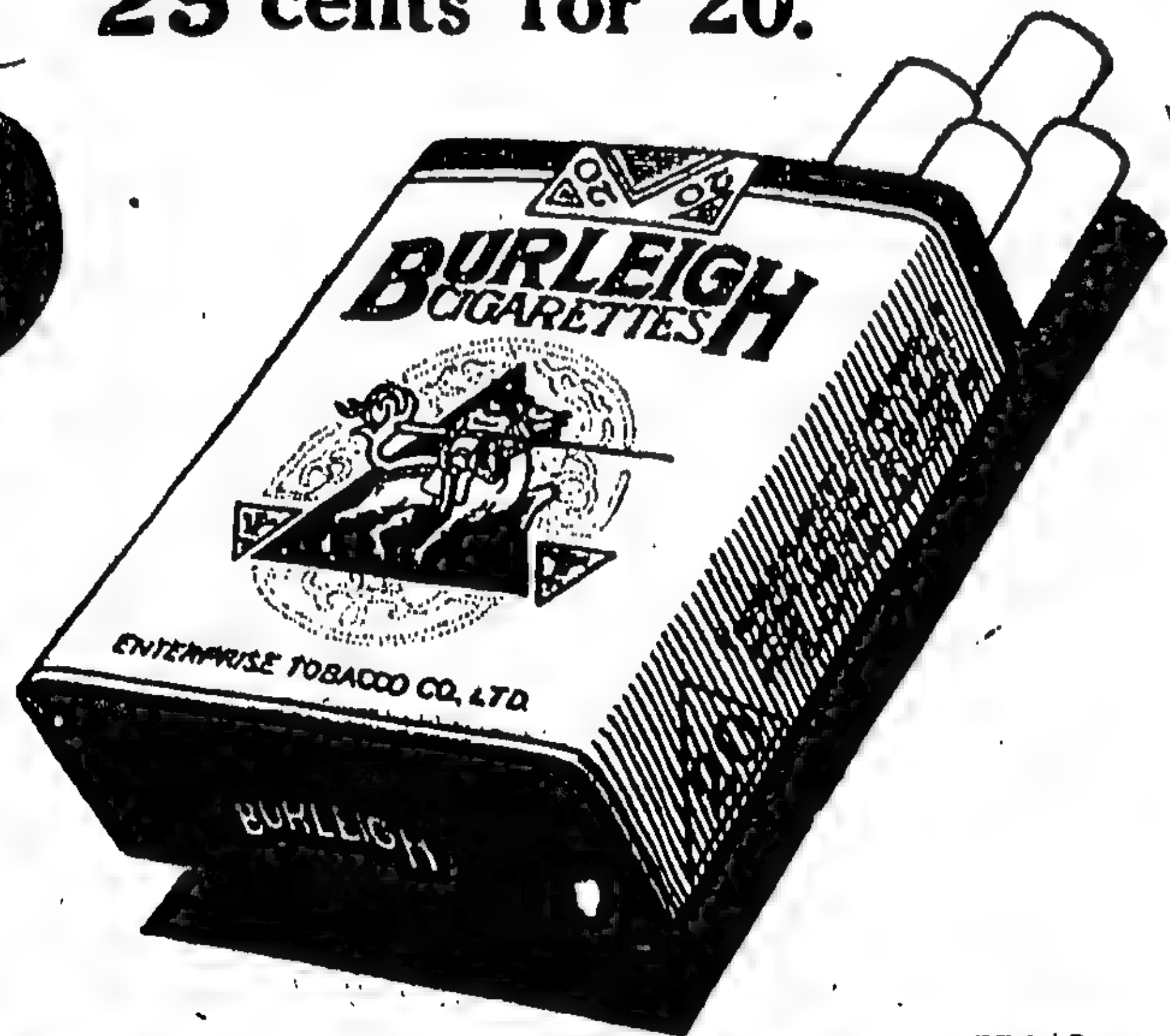
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RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA SEVERED

London Officially Confirms Presentation Of Note

Abduction Of Employee Of The British Legation

IT WAS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN BROKEN OFF.

Mr. George Rendel, the British Minister in Sofia, in a Note handed to M. Filoff, the Bulgarian Premier, is stated to have said that the British decision to sever relations was prompted by two reasons.

Firstly, Bulgaria's adhesion to the Tripartite Pact, and,

Secondly, the disappearance of Mr. Grenovitch, employee of the British Legation in Sofia, who mysteriously disappeared while en route for Turkey.

The British decision to break off relations was officially communicated to the Bulgarian Government yesterday.

Mr. Rendel called on the Bulgarian Premier in the morning, and, after informing him of the British decision, asked for his passports.

Mr. Rendel and the British Legation staff are expected to leave Bulgaria within the next few days.

The Dutch, Belgian and Polish Legations are similarly expected to leave, following the Bulgarian Government's intimation that their missions are considered to be terminated.

Enemy Territory

Meanwhile the Board of Trade in London announced that Bulgaria is enemy territory for the

purposes of trading with the enemy.

It is accordingly a punishable offence to have commercial, financial or other intercourse or dealings with or for the benefit of any person in that territory.

Another announcement, by the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London, says the British Government have decided they must now regard Bulgaria as territory under enemy occupation.

As from yesterday, therefore, Bulgaria is regarded as an enemy destination for contraband purposes and all goods of Bulgarian origin or ownership will be liable to seizure.

Mr. George Rendel, British Minister at Sofia, had a brief farewell audience with King Boris yesterday morning.—Reuter.

King And Queen In Glasgow

STOP PRESS

The King and Queen paid an eight-hour visit to Glasgow yesterday and received a tremendous welcome by dockers and shipyard workers, who surrounded Their Majesties waving their caps.

The King talked to dockers' leaders of the importance of handling ships quickly, and was assured by the Secretary of the Scottish Transport Workers Union that all their energies were directed to unloading ships in the shortest possible time.

"I am very glad to hear that it is of vital importance these days," said the King.

Their Majesties also visited factories, in one of which army blankets were being made side by side with carpets, and inspected a big parade of A.R.P. personnel and the Home Guard.

Vast crowds cheered them at all points in their drive round the city. — Reuter.

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The Japanese spokesman visited the French Embassy to give the warning to the French Ambassador.

Mr. Saito is reported to have stated that Japan will definitely not extend the present armistice period. — Our Own Correspondent.

SENATE FIXES TWO-YEAR LIMIT OF AID

The U.S. Senate yesterday approved an amendment terminating the operation of the Aid to Britain Bill on July 1, 1943, or earlier, if approved by a majority of both Houses, says Reuter from Washington.

NETHERLAND WOMEN CONSCRIPTED

For the first time in her history the Netherlands East Indies has begun registering women for compulsory service.

According to the Batavia radio yesterday registration is compulsory for all female Dutch subjects, whether European or native, between 18 and 55, having primary schooling.

Idea is to prepare women for tasks to which they are suited and which may be allotted them in an emergency.—Reuter.

have joined the patriots.

The communique adds that in Libya, Eritrea and Italian Somaliland there is nothing of importance to report.—Reuter.

PORT OF BUYRE OCCUPIED

ABYSSINIAN PATRIOT FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED THE IMPORTANT ITALIAN PORT OF BUYRE AND ARE NOW HARASSING AN ITALIAN COLUMN WITHDRAWING TOWARDS DEBRA MARCOS, ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

In the area 1,500 Italian irregulars and 200 colonial troops have deserted with their weapons and

BRITAIN SEVERE IN CONDEMNATION

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT has come to the conclusion that the Bulgarian Government, so far from desiring to maintain neutrality in the present conflict, are now prepared actively to cooperate with Germany, states the Note presented by the British Minister in Sofia to Bulgaria in regard to the presence of German troops in that country.

The Note adds it is a matter of indifference to the British Government what steps Bulgaria may think fit to take for the protection of the country against external danger, real or imaginary, but

to safeguard the peace and tranquillity of the Balkans, the Note says the British Government is unaware that this peace and tranquillity has ever been threatened or disturbed by any power which is not a party to the tripartite pact.

The British Government considers the pretext advanced by the German Government is a specious one designed in accordance with the usual German practice to mask the ulterior aggressive aim.

From the nature of German military movements in the Balkans it is clear that Germany's intention is to menace and, if necessary, attack Britain's ally,

Greece.—Reuter.

"Britain is at war with Germany, and the presence in ever-increasing force of German troops on Bulgarian territory, combined with the growing subservience of the Bulgarian Government to German policy, in the opinion of the British Government is incompatible with the maintenance of British diplomatic representation in Bulgaria."

"Tranquillity"

Alluding to the Bulgarian Premier's statement that the German Government declared the presence of German troops in Bulgaria temporary and their task

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BRITISH STRATEGY IN AEGEAN

Air Power Expected To Play Important Part

Hostilities In Bulgaria Looming

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE GERMANS' MILITARY MOVEMENTS IN BULGARIA ARE ALREADY SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE SOME POINTERS TO THEIR PROBABLE FUTURE BALKANS PLANS.

Occupation of the Black Sea ports of Varna and Constanza may portend an offensive use of submarines against the Turks, or even a threat to Russian shipping.

Bridges have been thrown across the Danube at Giurgiu Point to advance over Shipka Pass towards Adrianople against the Turks.

Other forces which crossed the Danube 100 miles further west may be aimed at an advance down the Struma Valley against the Greeks around Salonika.

Bad communications should prevent the Germans for several weeks from bringing fresh forces to meet the Turks or Greeks, but when sufficient troops are collected around Sofia, it is possible a force will be detached to threaten Yugoslavia, with a view to moving on Salonika via the Vardar Valley.

LONG BEFORE TROOPS CAN BE ASSEMBLED FOR BATTLE. HOWEVER, THEY WILL BE FACED BY A HEAVY AND RELENTLESS ATTACK FROM THE AIR.

British Strategy

Most important part of British strategy should be to concentrate a superior air force in and around the northern shores of the Aegean Sea.

The Germans are likely to find a scarcity of air bases in Bulgaria, and if a British air attack is launched promptly and effectively, it will add enormously to the difficulties facing the Nazi General Staff and might even have a decisive effect on the campaign.

The problem before the Greeks, Turks and British is not an easy one, either. The Greeks hold an

TOKYO WARNING

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SOVIET DEMANDS ON RUMANIA ALLEGED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Daily Sketch" yesterday asserted in a despatch from Belgrade that Russia has insisted that Rumania cede certain Black Sea bases to her immediately. — International News Service.

NAZIS SETTING DATE?

(By George Dalint)

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

As "solid miles" of German mechanised troops and war materials swept southward through Bulgaria yesterday along three routes, authoritative quarters in Budapest predicted that Berlin will deliver a "peace or destruction" ultimatum to Greece within 10 days.

The semi-official Hungarian newspaper "Pester Lloyd" forecast that Germany would send an ultimatum to Athens by March 15, when concentrations of Nazi troops on the Greek frontier will be completed. — International News Service.

YUGOSLAVIA GIVEN WORD OF ADVICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ANKARA RADIO LAST NIGHT WARNED YUGOSLAVIA, SAYING THAT SHE MIGHT AS WELL BE DEAD AS JOIN THE AXIS PACT, FOR SHE WOULD SUFFER THE SAME FATE AS RUMANIA AND BULGARIA. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

of Syria at the end of the war as a bait and also to guarantee Turkish frontiers if she remained neutral.

While the reply was being considered by the Turkish President and the Cabinet, Turkish troops were being rushed to several points as a precaution. — International News Service.

FAR EAST TENSION RELAXED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Opinion in Washington political circles is that Mr. Winston Churchill's communication to the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Shigemitsu, has done more than anything else to reduce the tension over the Far East.

It is believed that Mr. Churchill has expressed clearly the attitude of the British Government with regard to the Pacific.

The report that the Japanese Ambassador has stressed that Japan does not desire an extension of the war to the Pacific is authoritatively not confirmed. — International News Service.

TURKEY STANDING BY PLEDGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Plain indication that Turkey means to stand by her pledges to Britain and Greece is expected to be provided in a reply by President Inonu to Adolf Hitler's personal message.

Hitler's attempt to influence Turkey to deviate from her policy is revealed by the Turkish semi-official "Ulu," which says that Hitler promised Turkey part

WEYGAND ARRIVES IN VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

General Weygand arrived in Vichy late last night to report to Marshal Petain on his inspection of the French African colonies. — International News Service.

SOFIA PROTEST BY U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The United States Minister in Sofia, Mr. George H. Earle, yesterday protested to the Bulgarian Foreign Office against the action of Bulgarian border guards who kept him from crossing the Yugoslavian frontier.

MR. EARLE SOUGHT TO ENTER YUGOSLAVIA IN ORDER TO CABLE OR TELEPHONE WASHINGTON WITH A REPORT ON THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF BULGARIA.

Unable to send messages from Sofia he twice sought unsuccessfully to enter Yugoslavia. — International News Service.



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Dramatic Flight Of Carol And Madame Lupescu

Dash Over Frontier With False Passports

EX-KING CAROL OF RUMANIA AND MADAME LUPESCU, OUTWITTING GENERAL FRANCO'S POLICE, HAVE MADE A DRAMATIC ESCAPE FROM SPAIN.

It became known in Madrid last night that the pair, who vanished from Seville on Tuesday, are safe in Portugal, having equipped themselves with false passports and slipping out of the Andalusia Hotel, their virtual prison for the past five months.

GREEK TALKS ENDED

Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill have concluded their series of talks with the Greek Prime Minister in Athens.

REUTER UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CONVERSATIONS WERE VERY SATISFACTORY IN ALL RESPECTS.

Mr. Eden and the British delegation are leaving shortly for Cairo.

Athens crowds still continue to show the utmost enthusiasm at the presence of Mr. Eden and General Dill, and people follow the British visitors wherever they go.

While Mr. Eden paid a final visit to the Prime Minister yesterday morning, General Dill visited in a Greek hospital and a British canteen.—Reuter.

Sir John Dill At Greek G.H.Q.

General Sir John Dill called at Greek General Headquarters in Athens yesterday, according to Athens radio. He was joined there by King George of Greece.—Reuter.

GERMAN TROOPS IN CASABLANCA

The presence of German troops in Casablanca, French Morocco, was revealed by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Replying to a question, Mr. Butler stated that a representative of the German Armistice Commission had been in Casablanca for some months.

Early in February a considerable number of German officers and men were reported to have arrived there in uniform and bearing arms. Estimates of their number vary, Mr. Butler added.—Reuter.

They dashed across the frontier in a high-powered car, apparently at Rosal de la Frontera. With them in a second car were a number of persons who had previously entered Spain from Portugal.

Before the flight they got rid of their man and maid servant by sending them out with clothes to be cleaned. They left behind in the hotel four big dogs.

A LARGE EIGHT-SEATER LUXURY CAR IN WHICH THEY BEGAN THE DRIVE HAS BEEN FOUND ABANDONED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BADAJOZ.

It appears they continued the drive to Portugal in a car of different make.

Their passports were obtained from a foreigner in Seville.

Fears For Life

With the exiles' escape, the press broke its silence yesterday for the first time about their presence in Spain, special editions announcing the flight.

Fears for Carol's life were expressed when it was reported that a trio of Iron Guardists had left Rumania for Spain.

Then General Antonescu signed decrees blocking his shares and accounts and confiscating all his property in Rumania.—Reuter.

Hoping To Get To U.S.

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The wild night dash from Spain into Portugal by ex-King Carol and Mme. Lupescu meant that the former King's mistress averted possible execution before a Rumanian firing squad, for Rumania was seeking her extradition for complicity in political assassination.

The famous lovers are believed to be planning to continue to the United States.—International News Service.

FALSE ENTRY ALLEGED

CHEUNG PUI-KAM, 27, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, WITH FALSIFICATION OF A DOCUMENT BY A FALSE ENTRY IN THE ROUGH CASH BOOK OF THE YUE CHEONG FIRM ON NOVEMBER 14 LAST YEAR.

Mr. W. W. BROWN is appearing for complainant, while accused is defended by Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho, who pleaded not guilty on his behalf.

It was alleged that accused falsely entered an amount suppos-

LOGIC OR REALISM?

Commenting on the London speech of Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier, a Japanese Government spokesman in Tokyo yesterday said: "This time I think Australia is being very fair."

"Heretofore they have discussed problems with Japan only from a logical viewpoint, and now Mr. Menzies has indicated a readiness to approach matters from a more realistic viewpoint."—Reuter.

NAZI EXECUTION IN NORWAY

Stating that the sentences are "revolting and can only evoke feelings of disgust and aversion," the Swedish paper "Social Demokraten" reports, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency, the execution at the beginning of February of three Norwegians.

The men were condemned to death by a German military court at Bergen for espionage on a charge of maintaining a secret wireless transmitter and sending information about German military dispositions.

It is feared a similar fate awaits 10 Norwegians who were recently sentenced on a similar charge at Haugesund, where a further 13 or 14 Norwegians are awaiting trial.—Reuter.

ITALIANS WARSHIPS BOMBED

British bombers attacked Italian warships off Valona, in addition to an attack on warships at Chimara, according to an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The communique adds that on all fronts in Italian East Africa, air support by bomber and fighter aircraft was given to the advancing British troops.

From all these operations two aircraft failed to return.—Reuter.

ed to have been paid into the firm's account with the Bank of East Asia.

The case was fixed for March 19, and bail of \$2,500 was allowed.

Detective Sergeant F. Nolan is representing the Police.

BULGARIANS RESENT GERMAN OCCUPATION

(By A Reuter Correspondent)

SILENT AND SULLEN crowds of Bulgarian country folk are watching the German army move south. Bulgarian peasants are well aware that their food supply will be as much decreased as the danger of war for their country is increased, by the presence of these grim-faced veterans of the Western Front campaign.

Of seven divisions which stood ready on the other side of the Danube, at least five have now entered Bulgaria.

Overhead, Junkers' planes constantly bear material southwards, while Messerschmitts are taking up new bases in southern Bulgaria.

German police are installed in country towns, arrogantly directing the mechanized transport southward.

Capital's Sandbags

German railway officials were shutting up and down the platforms at Sofia's main station when I left for Belgrade on Tuesday night.

I saw the first sandbags being placed outside public buildings in the capital.

The average Bulgarian views the German occupation with strong distaste and remains unmoved by German propaganda.

Soviet Disavowal

The Soviet statement denouncing Bulgaria's policy has not been published in Sofia, but the Bulgarian Communists are rushing out leaflets giving the text.

Distribution of the leaflets will be on a small scale, however, for the majority of the Communists were quietly arrested and flung into prison the night the German march into Bulgaria began.

Sofia prisons are now packed, while there is already a large stream of foreigners attempting to leave Bulgaria.—Reuter.

U.S. BID FOR MEXICAN ALLIANCE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

International News learned in Washington last night that a virtual military defensive alliance between the United States and Mexico will soon be sought by the United States Government.

Under the alliance, the United States hopes for the right to use Mexican naval, air and land bases in the event of any threat of attack on either country.

The United States Government is willing to help finance the development of modern adequate bases in Mexico.

The United States Government is also prepared to arm, feed and clothe Mexico if it should ever be necessary to do so in the interests of American national defence.

Formal negotiations will be inaugurated in Washington, shortly.—International News Service.

Roman Catholics are reminded that the Annual Procession of the Cross will take place at the Cathedral in Caine Road, on Sunday, at 4.30 p.m.

BELGRADE BRITISH WARNED

The British consulate in Belgrade has addressed a circular to all Britons in Yugoslavia advising those who are not kept on urgent business to leave the country, according to despatches to the official French agency yesterday.

Most women members of the staffs of the British Legation and consulate in Belgrade, and the families of the Legation staff, are already preparing to leave.

Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Minister to Yugoslavia, returned to Belgrade on Tuesday from Athens, where he went to see Mr. Anthony Eden.

Wide Discretion

It was learned in London that the British Minister in Belgrade has for some time had discretion to advise British subjects with no urgent reasons for staying, to leave Yugoslavia as soon as Germany started the occupation of Bulgaria.

If some British subjects are now leaving Yugoslavia they are doubtless acting on his advice.—Reuter.

NETHERLAND WOMEN CONSCRIPTED

For the first time in her history the Netherlands East Indies has begun registering women for compulsory service.

According to the Batavia radio yesterday registration is compulsory for all female Dutch subjects, whether European or native, between 18 and 55, having primary schooling.

Idea is to prepare women for tasks to which they are suited and which may be allotted them in an emergency.—Reuter.

BANK ACCUSES AN EMPLOYEE

Mr. M. Pirronne, manager of the Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger S.A., Des Voeux Road, Central, has informed the Police that a Chinese employee of the bank, Choi Wai-lim, absconded with a sum of \$8,304 yesterday.

HERCULEAN TASK OF THE NAVY

Mr. A. V. Alexander Wants More Ships And Men

Reveals Growing British Strength In New Destroyers

THE HERCULEAN TASK OF THE BRITISH FLEET IN MODERN CONDITIONS — PERFORMING THE TASK OF FIVE FLEETS IN THE LAST WAR — WAS OUTLINED BY MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

The House was debating the token estimate for the Fleet, but Mr. Alexander declared: "The British Fleet itself is no token fleet nor are our ships phantom ships, though they may be a nightmare to our enemies."

Hence Mr. Alexander had no hesitation in asking for "many more ships, very good ships, greater numbers of men, very fine men, and great quantities of stores of the most substantial kind."

The task of the Fleet had been magnified by the collapse of France, which altered the whole fabric of British strategy.

NEW LAIRS FOR PIRACY

The collapse of France gave the Germans a new naval ally in Italy, numerically stronger at sea than the Germans themselves.

It did more than turn Mussolini into an accomplice to a pirate — it gave the pirate himself new lairs whence to sally forth.

When the threat first loomed up the Navy had just completed a vast series of operations from the mist-shrouded cliffs of Narvik to the sun-bathed beaches of St. Jean-de-Luz, of which history has probably never seen a parallel.

The Navy bore its part with the Merchant Navy and civilian volunteers in extricating hundreds of thousands of our troops from Norway and France.

It was not a task for which our ships were designed. Considerable losses were expected and accepted, especially in damage to destroyers, but by skill of seamanship and devotion, the Navy deprived the enemy of anything like the toll he confidently anticipated, but it was seriously depleted at the very moment when the whole problem had become more complex with the exit of France and the entry of Italy.

Improved Position

By swinging strides, however, we immeasurably improved our position.

With forces initially much inferior, Admirals Cunningham and Somerville not only kept the Italian fleet cooped in the Mediterranean but neutralised it even in waters which Italy specially claimed as hers.

In every encounter our crews had shown such superiority that units of the Italian navy scarcely venture to dispute even the waters around their bases.

Winter Gales

During the winter gales, British convoy escort forces paid the price of all navies whose tradition is to keep the seas regardless of weather if there is duty to be done.

Enemy communique claims would seem to show we had lost roughly twice the number of capital ships, aircraft-carriers and cruisers with which we entered the war and more than all the submarines (laugh-ter).

In fact, the daily work of the Fleet and such outstanding achievements as those of Ark Royal, which has many times answered German questions concerning her whereabouts, prove

that the great body of the Fleet in August, 1939, remains intact.

The Challenge

Mr. Alexander would say to the German navy: "We are quite prepared to take you on with all the ships alone which you profess to have sunk."

The number of ships in most classes, especially the destroyer class, now at sea or instantly ready for sea, is greater than at any time since war began. Ships coming into service this year will of themselves make up a formidable force, judged by almost any other naval power's standards.

Even in the face of enemy bombing, the efforts of workers in shipyards and the untiring persistence of the skill of managements have maintained naval production in a remarkable manner.

Our long-term programmes of construction are maturing and a high output of short-term construction has been reached.

Naval Bombardments

It may not be appreciated how frequently our ships, though not designed for the role of bombing artillery, have carried the war into the enemy's ports as well as carrying out incessant bombardments in support of the army in Libya.

THE FLEET AIR ARM HAS ALSO BECOME A NOTABLE WEAPON OF OFFENCE. IN THE PRESENT WAR THEY HAVE DESTROYED ONE ENEMY BATTLESHIP, ONE CRUISER, THREE DESTROYERS, FOUR SUBMARINES, OTHER NAVAL VESSELS AND 15 SUPPLY SHIPS, IN ADDITION TO DAMAGING AT LEAST TWO BATTLESHIPS, TWO CRUISERS, FOUR DESTROYERS, FOUR MISCELLANEOUS CRAFT AND 20 TRANSPORT OR SUPPLY SHIPS.

In addition to disturbing the enemy's possession of his own coastal routes, British submarines have destroyed something like 100 enemy warships and supply ships.

Qualities Of Resource

After a tribute to the Navy's assiduous and successful clearing of mines, which are constantly

being sown in many waters, Mr. Alexander said the Navy's qualities of resource were exemplified by Admiral Cunningham's recent operations against the Italians.

With limited forces, Admiral Cunningham's staff had to provide the movement of supplies to Greece, Malta and the main bases in Egypt.

In addition, they had to dovetail into their offensive operations against the enemy flank in Libya the business of a veritable world transport agency, carrying troops and stores to newly-conquered beaches and harbours, transporting great crowds of Italian visitors and even pumping water ashore to thirsty troops.

Merchant Shipping Losses

Up to May, 1940, the losses of British, Allied and neutral ships from enemy action averaged 40,000 tons a week. In the next seven months they remained obstinately at an average of just under 90,000 tons. During the last 11 weeks, losses averaged about 51,000 tons.

The First Lord did not attribute the diminution entirely to improved measures of protection but thought they were justified in counting them as at least one certain reason, among other possibilities.

Must Be Prepared

We must expect the enemy to make heavy attacks and we may receive grievous blows.

The enemy used every conceivable means to attack us in this vital spot — the lurking

STAFFORD CRIPPS BACK IN MOSCOW

Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Russia, arrived back in Moscow from Turkey by plane yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

mine, the powerful raider, aircraft, stealthy E-boats and submarines.

Counter-measures to long-range aircraft attacks are being developed though he would not reveal their nature.

As our resources grew, so would raiders' opportunities become fewer.

As for U-boat attacks, the expansion of aerial reconnaissance will become progressively more difficult for the enemy to avoid, while the R.A.F. will continue to dislocate the organisation of U-boat patrols by attacks upon their bases.

Convoy Protection

At sea the increased number of escorts will enable us to provide greater protection for convoys, and to these advantages will be added improvements in anti-submarine tactics.

In the meantime, we continue to inflict losses upon enemy submarine flotillas.

To give the German naval staff their due, they change U-boat tactics when they become too costly and new tactics demand changes in our own measures, which take time to perfect.

The defensive arming of merchant ships has been justified by the timely use of guns which enabled merchant seamen to preserve themselves and turn the tables on the enemy.

New Shipping

The claims of official enemy communiques about merchant tonnage sunk amount to double our actual losses, even though some of these losses cannot be known to the Germans.

New ships delivered from British yards, plus those abroad and the volume of captured enemy ships now in our service, has replaced more than two-thirds of

GERMAN U-BOAT SUICIDE SQUADS

"DEATH OR GLORY" crews, manning "suicide" U-boats and destined only to reach the British coast, not being expected to return, were mentioned in the Commons debate on the Naval Estimates yesterday by Capt. A. S. Cunningham-Reid, Conservative Member for Marylebone.

He said an American informant in Portugal described this submarine as one Hitler referred to in his last speech as being a simplified type on which the Germans concentrated naval construction after the beginning of the war.

Quick and cheap to build and equipped with only essential machinery, safety devices are practically non-existent. Such simplicity meant simplified and shorter training of crews.

Each submarine could be manned by a third of the normal crews, all because the new vessels have a very small fuel capacity.

Having sighted their victim

they close in at short range, torpedoing before escorting craft have an opportunity of dealing with them. Their subsequent chance to escape, provided the convoy is adequate, is negligible.

Captain Cunningham-Reid said that provided the enemy had enough craft the menace was grave, and he urged consideration of means other than by sea for bringing food to Britain.—Reuter.

URGENT TOKYO MEETING

Prince Konoye, the Japanese Premier, has decided to call an urgent Cabinet meeting to-day as the French again failed to hand in a reply yesterday to the Japanese compromise formula for settlement of the Franco-Thai dispute, says an official Japanese report.

THE REPORT ADDS THAT THE FRENCH FAILURE IS ATTRIBUTED BY POLITICAL OBSERVERS TO DELAYED DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE FRENCH DELEGATES IN TOKYO AND NOT TO DELIBERATE INTENTIONS ON THE PART OF FRANCE TO POSTPONE OR BREAK UP THE MEDIATION CONFERENCE.

Since the French have clearly expressed a desire for a satisfactory conclusion, the Japanese authorities are said to be calm.—Reuter.

the tonnage of British ships lost by enemy action.

Admiralty Salvage

In addition, we had the advantage of chartering ships of States overrun by the enemy.

On the other hand, the enemy had lost over 2,000,000 tons sunk, captured or scuttled, and over one million tons were lying useless in neutral harbours.

Thanks to the Admiralty salvage organisation, total tonnage rescued and saved up to the end of last year was over 1,000,000 tons.

Of the 50 destroyers which the United States had transferred to us, some have already delivered attacks on enemy submarines, and others, in the course of their escort duties, have shared in the rescue of victims of enemy attack.

The peoples of the British Commonwealth have given unstinted support in the war at sea.

Great Distinction

Canadian destroyers have taken a share of the destroyers' task of protecting seaborne trade across the Atlantic.

Australian cruisers and destroyers and New Zealand cruisers participated with great distinction and success in operations in the Mediterranean and Middle East and in the protection of important convoys.

South African naval units were also making a very welcome contribution in the Mediterranean, and the small but highly efficient Royal Indian Navy is doing valuable patrol work in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean.

Allied Aid

Mr. Alexander did not betray the strengths of the naval contingents of Free France, Poland, Holland and Norway, but they were most useful reinforcements and were steadily expanding.

The Belgians having no vessels of their own have come forward to help man other ships, and he was glad there is now a Belgian section of the Royal Navy.

In conclusion, Mr. Alexander paid a special tribute to the "gallant fight of the small but heroic and efficient Greek Navy." — Reuter.

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SENATE AND AID BILL

U.S. Senate leaders have decided to oppose any amendments to the Lease and Lend Bill designed to confine the activities of United States troops to the Western Hemisphere.

The Senate yesterday adopted an amendment tightening Congressional control of the "purse strings."

The President is required to obtain special Congressional approval before committing the Government to future expenditure for the aid programme beyond those already authorised.

Military equipment worth \$1,300,000,000, already owned by the Government or provided for by Congress appropriation, is transferable, however, without future Congressional authorization. —Reuter.

Mr. Hull Intervenes

U.S. Senate leaders have decided to oppose any amendments designed to confine the activities of United States troops to the Western Hemisphere.

This followed a statement by Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, expressing the view that such amendments would encourage Japanese aggression.

Another amendment approved by the Senate provides that the Secretaries of War and Navy and other department heads would fix the value of existing defence equipment to be transferred abroad. —Reuter.

JAPANESE SHIPPING LOSSES

Nearly 200 Japanese warships and merchantmen have been sunk in the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Naval headquarters of the Chinese National Military Council in Chungking announced yesterday that 192 Japanese ships have been sunk and 188 damaged by Chinese shore batteries and river mines up to the end of 1940.

Vessels sunk include 27 medium-sized warships and 26 transports. Damage done to Japanese shipping is estimated at nearly \$200,000,000. —Reuter.

ROOF COLLAPSE

SOME 50 EMPLOYEES OF THE KIN LEE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY BEAT DEATH BY 15 MINUTES THIS MORNING. WHEN THE ROOF OF ONE OF THE COMPANY'S WORKSHOPS, AT THE JUNCTION OF AUSTIN AND CANTON ROAD, SUDDENLY CAVED IN.

One of the employees who lingered on in the workshop was hit by falling debris just as he was about to leave the premises and has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

The collapse of the roof occurred at 9.30 a.m. to-day, some 15 minutes after the workers had left the building to begin their outside jobs.

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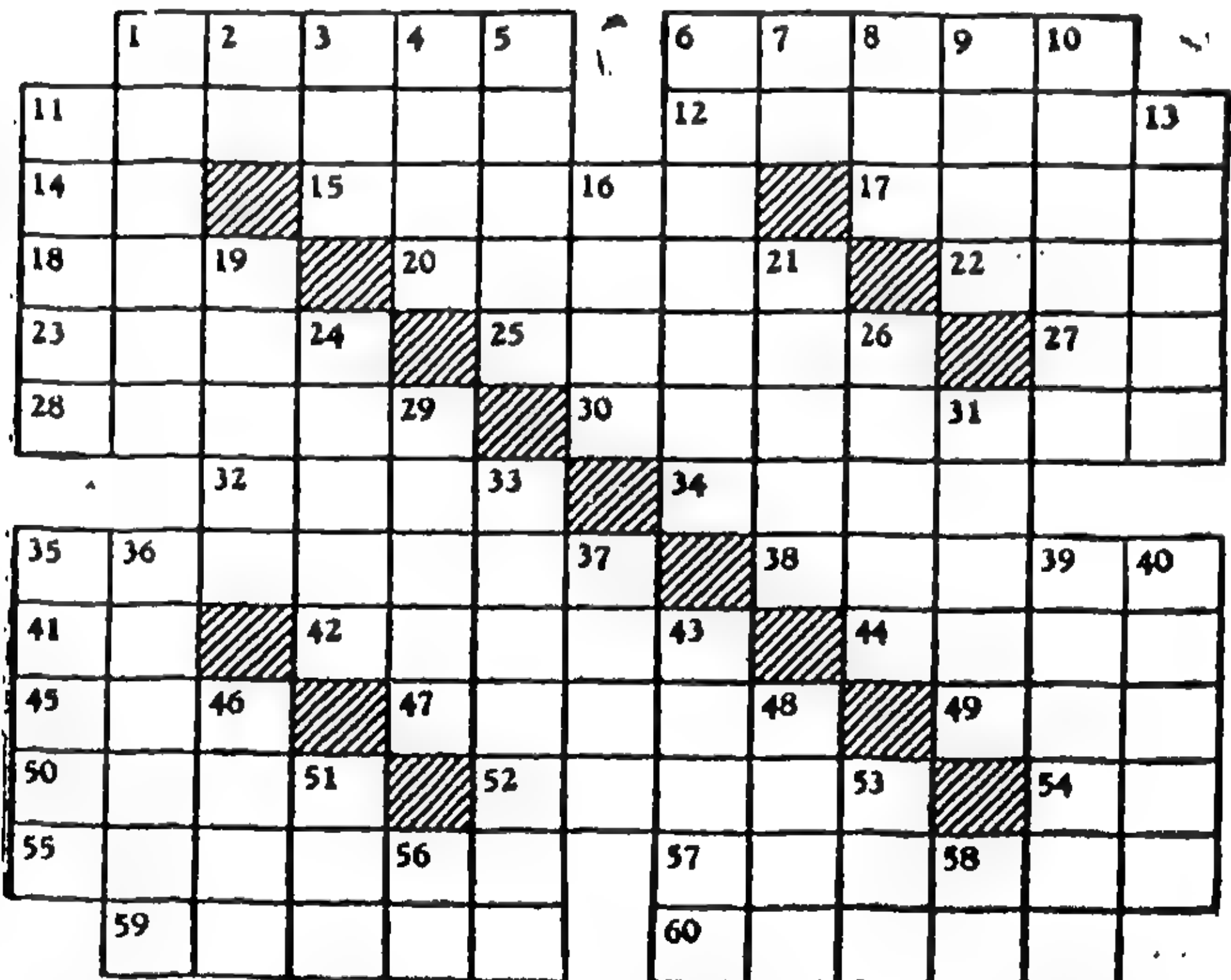
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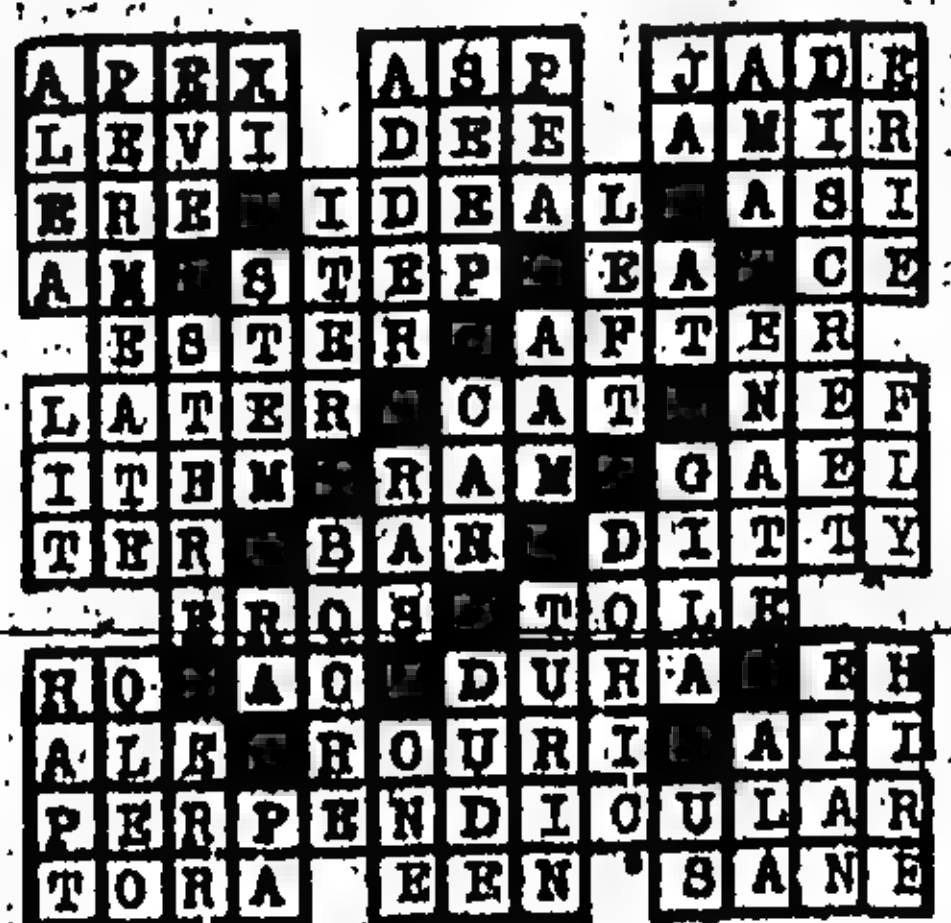
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 - 20 Small roll of tobacco leaves (var.)
 - 22 Hindu weight
 - 23 Thick slice
 - 25 To cut
 - 27 Note of scale
 - 28 Macabre
 - 30 French composer
 - 32 Hence
 - 34 To become weakened by inaction
 - 35 European republic
 - 38 Hair-line
 - 41 Exclamation
 - 42 Abyssinian ruler
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 - 45 Ovum
 - 47 River in China

- 49 By
- 50 Amalekite king
- 52 Pertaining to birth
- 54 Symbol for iron
- 55 Showed compassion for
- 57 Planet
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- 60 Calyx leaf

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Chess piece
 - 2 Part of "to be"
 - 3 Levantine sailing vessel
 - 4 War god
 - 5 Roman household gods

- 6 To cajole
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- 21 Puzzle
- 24 Printer's dabber-like implement
- 26 Tricks
- 29 Heron
- 31 Thong
- 33 Muslim dress-goods
- 35 In a pile
- 36 Colloquial: the head
- 37 Invisible emanation
- 39 Angry
- 40 Discharges
- 43 Location
- 46 Part of fence
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- 51 Scotch: to give
- 53 To drink
- 56 Man's nickname
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



FALANGE ABOVE THE LAW

Members of the National Council of the Spanish Falange (Fascist) Party are given a privileged position in regard to the law under a decree published in Madrid yesterday.

The decree provides that no national councillor can be arrested without an order from the head of the party unless caught in flagrante delicto, when the head of the party must be immediately advised.

Legal action can be taken against national councillors only subject to the authorisation of the president of the Falange political board.

Other Falange authorities cannot be arrested except by order of a special judicial authority, empowered under the new law to try them in other cases than flagrante delicto. — Reuter.

SHIPPING TO SWEDEN

AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN BRITAIN AND SWEDEN BY WHICH FIVE SWEDISH SHIPS FROM OVERSEAS PORTS WILL BE ABLE TO SAIL FOR GOTHENBURG EVERY MONTH.

Announcing this yesterday, the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London stated it is a condition of the arrangement that these ships shall not call at any German or German-controlled port, and that for every vessel entering the Baltic, one must previously have left that area.

Continuation of this traffic depends on the vessels concerned not being interfered with by Germany. — Reuter.

GOERING SEES GEN. ANTONESCU

Goering had a long conference with General Antonescu, the Rumanian Dictator, says a Vienna despatch to the official German news agency.

They discussed "important military and economic questions of interest to both countries."

The talks were conducted "in the spirit of German-Rumanian friendship and collaboration." — Reuter.

NO DAYLIGHT BOMBS ON BRITAIN

No bombs were dropped in any part of Britain during daylight yesterday, and it is now officially confirmed that two enemy bombers were destroyed the previous night, both by anti-aircraft fire. — Reuter.

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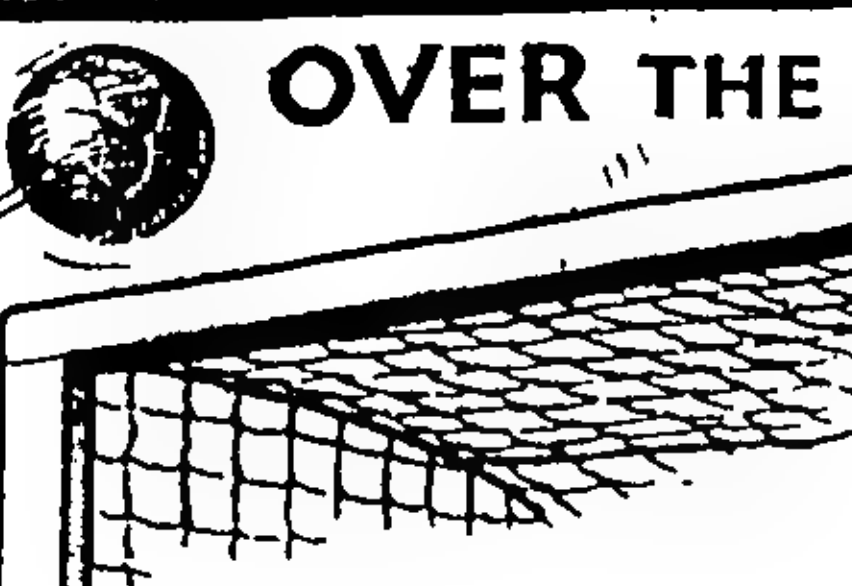
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HEROIC ACTS BY INDIAN TROOPS IN AFRICA

REPORTS OF MANY INDIVIDUAL ACTS
OF HEROISM BY INDIAN TROOPS IN THE
ERITREAN CAMPAIGN HAVE NOW REACHED
INDIA.

One Indian commissioned officer led his men across ground swept by machine-gun fire and gained a steep ridge. The party withstood several enemy counter-attacks in strength but at last were forced to vacate the position. Although wounded, the officer led all his men back to safety.

During the same action an Indian stretcher bearer who was bringing back a wounded Sepoy was almost surrounded by the enemy. He seized the Sepoy's rifle, beat off the enemy and brought back the Sepoy.

In another case a Dogra machine-gunner kept firing his gun in the face of overwhelming odds, inflicting many casualties until killed by bombs. After the enemy were driven off, his body was found beside the gun, his finger still on the trigger.

Great gallantry was shown by a young Punjabi Sepoy who went with a small party through a hail of fire and destroyed an enemy machine-gun post. He beat off a counter-attack by setting up his gun near the disabled enemy machine-gun.

Leap On Parapet

Later he leaped onto the parapet and cheered his comrades on.

Although wounded in both legs he refused to be carried and walked to the dressing station.

The part played by Indian miners and sappers in engagements in Eritrea is especially noteworthy.

Between Jan. 23 and Feb. 2 they removed no fewer than 575 mines and also attended to blown up bridges near Alamale. About 180 mines were removed from the Barentu defences alone.

The operations were notable for the excellent cooperation between British and Indian troops.

Honours Shared

Punjabis and a British battalion shared honours in an attack on a ridge across the Aicota road on Feb. 25.

The Punjabis made a fierce assault and gained the objective. They were subjected to a counter-attack and forced to withdraw but later renewed

DAYLIGHT RAID ON BOULOGNE

A formation of R.A.F. bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked the docks at Boulogne yesterday afternoon, while other squadrons of British fighters made an offensive sweep over the Channel and northern France.

Hits were scored on the docks at Boulogne and a large fire started in the inner harbour.

One Messerschmidt 109 was destroyed by R.A.F. fighters, six were probably destroyed and another damaged, but owing to the great height at which the combats occurred, their destruction cannot be confirmed.

Three British aircraft, all fighters, are missing.—Reuter.

the attack and took the ridge. Punjab and other frontier force battalions took part in the capture of Alamale. After negotiating rough country they launched a frontal attack accompanied by a flanking movement. Alamale fell and yet more prisoners and war material were captured.—Reuter.

At 8 a.m., accused was seen in the hospital at Whitfield and, it was alleged, he told a friend that he had taken Rosie for a walk, adding, "She would not come across but I used a little persuasion."

Questioned by the Police, accused said that he gave the girl \$3 for a taxi as it was late.

Accused's Defence

In answer to the charge, accused said that he acted with the girl's consent and at no time did he use violence. He knew the woman for what she was and she accepted money from him.

In answer to the charge of indecent assault, accused said he did not wish to say anything.

The Crown's case was that the girl's story should be believed as it was consistent with the facts and is confirmed by evidence of injuries to the girl.

The alleged statement of accused to a fellow soldier corroborated the story. Accused was entitled to any doubt, but Mr. Murphy suggested the evidence would show that accused was guilty.

Girls Evidence

Man Mui-kwai, alias Rosie. Man, said she lived in Pakhoi Street, and formerly lived in Shanghai Street. She had been employed as a waitress on the ground floor of Nathan Hotel for four months. She first saw defendant about two months before the incident. He came with a friend she knew as "Ginger". This man took her home frequently, but she became engaged on Christmas Day and had not been out with anyone else since.

At 11.40 p.m. on January 15, she saw accused, who said he wanted to speak to her. She understood English but could speak very little.

She was told to repeat the conversation, and said that after he had asked how she was, she asked accused where "Ginger" was. Accused said: "Ginger" go other side to drink; "Ginger" want to see you to-night. She asked "Where?" He stop Red Chicken place," was the reply.

She did not promise to go. She did not see accused again until about to leave. When she knew he was outside the door, she sat with a European tenant till 1.45 a.m. in the hotel. Accused then came up to her and said "Hello, What for you not go home?" She testified that "Ginger" was waiting for her and wanted to see her. He added that "Ginger" would like to speak to her as "Ginger's" wife had sent "Ginger" a letter.

That was the reason why she went.

The case is proceeding.

TRIAL OF R.A.M.C. MAN OPENS ON GRAVE CHARGE

PRIVATE FRANK Kenneth Jacob, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, was this morning charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions, with rape, and with indecent assault on Man Mui-kwai, a spinster, aged 18, near the Chatham Road Football field on January 16.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sergeant N. B. Fraser, was for the prosecution, while accused was represented by Mr. George She, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ.

The jury was composed of Messrs. G. T. Harrington (foreman), C. Goldman, Chan Kam-shing, Ma Yue-man, Lee Gwok-ye, Lui In-tso and Tam Poh-keng.

Crown's Case

Opening the case for the prosecution, Mr. Murphy said that the accused was a private in the Royal Army Medical Corps, stationed at Whitfield Barracks. The girl was a spinster, aged 18, employed as a waitress at Nathan Hotel. Some time prior to the alleged incidents, the girl had been on friendly terms with a soldier named Waldron whom she knew as "Ginger," but at Christmas she apparently became engaged to another soldier named Bright.

She saw accused for the first time three months ago when he went to the Hotel with "Ginger."

On the night of January 15, accused went to the hotel at about midnight and asked for the girl, to whom he said that "Ginger" wanted to see her in King's Park. The girl told him that she did not want to see "Ginger" and, in any case, she was too busy. She went back to her work. When about to finish her work, she saw accused at the door and sat in the hall for some time waiting for him to go away.

"Carried Her"

At about 1.45 a.m., he went in and asked the girl to go and see "Ginger." She refused at first but at last consented. The two went

along Gascoigne Road to look for "Ginger" but failed to find him. They then went to Chatham Road where accused told her "Ginger" was hiding. Here it was alleged, he told her to go to the Army football ground. She refused. He pushed her and she fell and as she lay on the ground, she alleged, accused assaulted her indecently. The girl called for help whereupon accused told her to keep quiet and threatened to kick her. Although she resisted, he picked her up in his arms and carried her over the nullah which borders the football ground and went inside the fence.

According to her story, she continued to struggle and he threatened her with violence, and tied a handkerchief across her mouth. He then committed the crime alleged, later releasing her and running away.

"An Hour"

The girl went to the Water Police station with a soldier's belt, arriving at 3.45 a.m. This meant that they were together at least for over an hour.

Mr. Murphy mentioned this as it was part of the defence that the girl accepted the attentions of accused and that part of the time was spent petting and that the girl consented.

The girl had insisted that this was not so and that a struggle took place. Though her injuries were small, there was other evidence of a struggle.

If accused used any force or even if, in fear of death, the girl yielded, accused would be guilty of the charge.

The girl was examined at 5.30 a.m. that morning and the medical evidence would be that there were bruises on the neck and other slight injuries.

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DIPLOMACY OF TERROR

By the manner in which he has handled the Balkan nations—keeping them divided, working on their mutual jealousies and immemorial feuds, concentrating his pressure on one country at a time, enforcing "moderate" demands which enable him when granted to make further and less moderate demands, infiltrating one country after another "peacefully" with "military instructors," "technicians" and "tourists," until the number and equipment are great enough to render further disguises needless by tactics such as these, Hitler has once more shown himself to be a diplomatic strategist of consummate cunning. Just as before he made outright war Hitler had marched from one "bloodless" conquest to another: Austria, the Sudetenland, Czechoslovakia, Menem, so now, resuming this "bloodless" conquest even within a war, he has tightened the Nazi vise successively around Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, and has begun to apply it to Yugoslavia.

For Hitler has mastered the lesson which, in spite of repeated demonstrations, his victims and opponents have been so slow to learn: that "diplomacy" and "war" are not two separate things but merely two aspects of the same thing. They are both part of that Grand Strategy which has been defined as "that which so directs and integrates the policies and armaments of the nation that its resort to war is either rendered unnecessary or is undertaken with the maximum chances of victory." And in this broadened conception of strategy, the dividing line between "peace" and "war" all but disappears.

In using diplomacy as an instrument of war, in driving a diplomatic wedge between countries to make a later military wedge unnecessary, in using threats, so to speak, to economise on army divisions, Hitler and his Axis partners have the great advantage over their democratic opponents not only of being unscrupulous and ruthless, but of having established solid reputations for those qualities. When they threaten they are able to know their intended victims that they have not hesitated in the past to machine-gun civilians and to wipe out open cities, sometimes purely as a "demonstration." Whichever side a weak neutral country may prefer to help, Hitler feels that he can terrorise it into helping him.

But there is one weakness in this formidable-looking structure. It depends absolutely and at all times on strength at the centre. It is not only Hitler's victims that are kept in line through fear of him; his ostensible friends and allies, Russia, Japan, Italy, even Austria, even great numbers of Germans, hate and fear him no less. If the Nazi leaders were once revealed to be weak at the centre, their whole "new order" would quickly fall into fragments. Of their opponents this is not true. If a single bomb were to destroy a handful of Nazi leaders, the whole aspect of the world might change in a few weeks; but if such a bomb were to wipe out the present British Cabinet, great as the loss would be it would not change at all the determination of the British people to carry on the war. If England itself were invaded and subjugated, the fight for freedom would go on in other parts of the British Commonwealth.

It is possible for tyranny to be struck down by a well-directed blow, but throughout the world men will fight for their liberty as long as they retain the power to carry on the struggle.

An Air Offensive?

By Hanson W. Baldwin

The final humiliation and virtual destruction of Marshal Graziani's thoroughly beaten Libyan Army have provided the highlights in the Mediterranean theatre of the war.

But, important though the British victory has been in the orbit of Mediterranean conflict and perhaps in consequences yet to be felt, it is perhaps rivalled in significance by the British air offensive against the Channel coast.

Not only do the continued assaults by British bombers against the so-called invasion ports indicate British determination to beat the Germans to the punch and to throw off balance a possible invasion attempt but their importance is underscored by the methods adopted.

Here are no sporadic hit-and-run raids, but the inception, according to British officers, of an air offensive against German-dominated territory that Britain hopes can be continued until the war ends. The raids are distinguished, first, by the fact that they are made in daylight; second, in being protected by mass fighter patrols, and the fighter patrols, it is indicated, will be kept over the coast of the Continent daily.

Heretofore most of the British bombing has been done by night; intermittent raids have been carried out in daylight, generally against coastal points, but not—except for a brief period during

the invasion threat of last autumn—in the continuous, determined manner started recently. And usually the bombers that made these raids have operated unprotected by fighters.



Lessons of Air War Applied

The new procedure indicates many things. First, that the British have found out, as the Germans previously learned, that daylight bombing without fighter protection is too expensive in machines and pilots lost to make the game worth the candle; largely unnoticed, British bomber losses (shot down in both night and day raids) in many recent weeks have exceeded the German losses.

Second, the aerial offensive means Britain has seized the initiative and struck first. Third, it means we have accumulated during the Winter a considerable reserve of planes and pilots and now feel strong enough in the air to strike in daylight and with continuity. Fourth, it means we have acquired fighters in sufficient numbers to enable simultaneous fighter defence of Britain and fighter protection of raiding British bombers.

But it must be remembered that the daylight bombing raids have so far been concentrated largely against coastal points in occupied

Germans In Norway

Norway is the only country in the world where the Nazis are on the defensive. More than that, in spite of all their ruthlessness, the representatives of the 100-million-master-race quite often take a severe beating, literally and symbolically, at the hands of their 3,000,000-Norwegian "subjects." True the Nazis have looted the country exhaustively, they have sent thousands to concentration camps. They have shot people at random whenever the instigator of an act of sabotage could not be found and they have made the streets of Oslo swarm with beggars. (Up to last Spring no living Norwegian had ever seen a beggar in the capital.)

But they could not quell the spirit of the people. The whole nation is on the offensive against the invaders and the result of this offensive has been described best by Maj. Quisling's aide, Nils Flom, in the official organ of Nasjonal Samling, the Quisling Party, "Fritt Folk" (Free People): "Even Nasjonal Samling men have a right to exist," wrote the Norwegian Fascist leader. Then he went on: "We need newspapers supporting our case or we must have access to local papers because we must give our opinion to counter-balance the opposition which now completely dominates the situation." This complaint was voiced at the beginning of this month, little short of a year after the country had been invaded by the Nazis!



While in other occupied countries opposition or sabotage is individualistic or the work of small groups fighting more or less underground, in Norway not only the whole population but also those who are left of their former ad-

ministration interfere with all orders coming from Hitler's puppet, the traitor Vidkund Quisling. Only last month 500 local administrators were imprisoned for sabotaging government orders. The Mayor of one city, a rather well-known nationalist leader, withdrew the licence of the biggest hotel in the city because the owner had per-

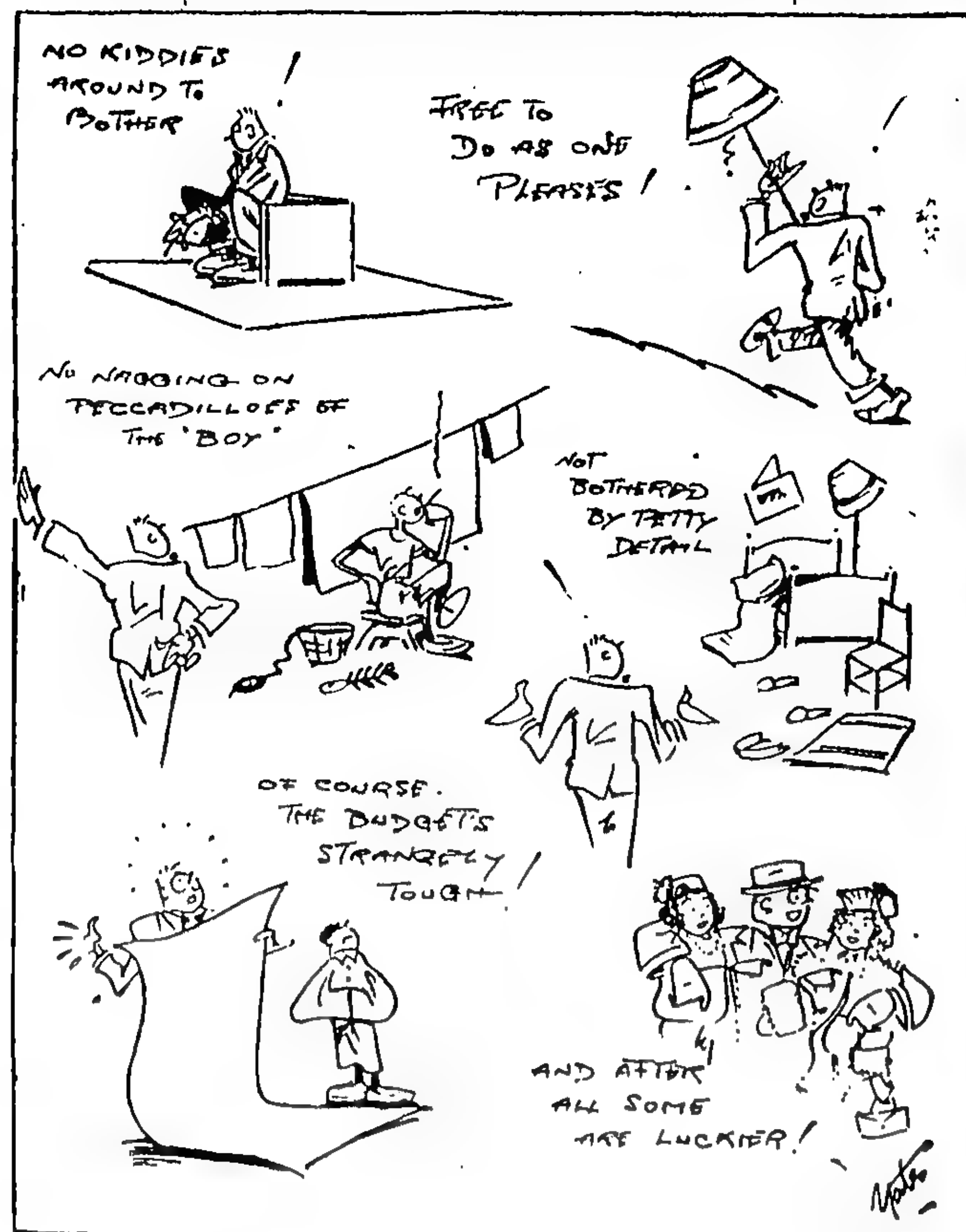
mitted the use of the auditorium for Quisling meetings. That was a month ago; he is still in office. He does not even answer letters or orders from Oslo.

The Nazis have threatened that they would enforce their will upon the Norwegians by military power. But that did not frighten the people because they could not be intimidated by the present army of occupation and maintain that they would not give in to a bigger, even more brutal army.

The Germans, on the other hand, are in a bad position. It is impossible for the Nazi party to convince the German people that the Norwegians are not at least as "good Aryans" as are the Germans. And while the Germans could be persuaded that Norway had to be occupied for the German Reich they will not believe that the Norwegians are "under dogs" like the Czechs or the Poles, whom the Germans have always disliked.

Ill-feeling has been created in Germany when the Scandinavians have been handled roughly. It would be far more unpleasant if the rules were stiffened. That is why Herr Hitler prefers that the Norwegian Fascists handle the situation alone. Now, since it does not look as if they could do the job, the Nazis are about to conscript volunteers of the youngest Storm Troopers, born after

SMITH YATES ON AN OLD ISSUE



WHO WOULDN'T BE AN EVACUEE HUSBAND?

France and Belgium, very close to British air bases. No long-range accompanying fighters are needed in such forays; the Spitfires and Hurricanes, fast and manoeuvrable, that are the principal mainstay of the defence of Britain, can, despite their limited range, fulfill the role of accompanying fighters when the objectives are only 50 to 150 miles away.

Britain apparently has not yet produced or acquired in quantity a long-range fighter capable of stabbing with the bombers deep into Germany or German-occupied territory, and until she does, until she is strong enough to bomb in daylight as in dark, the "bombing offensive" so often discussed,

and which may have been initiated in a limited fashion, cannot amount to much as an instrument for the defeat of Germany.

Whether bombing alone, without the actual aid of land troops, can ever bring Germany to her knees is, in any case, very questionable. For Germany is now sprawled across the map of Europe and the targets for raiding Britisher bombers are innumerable.



Vast Force Would Be Needed

Some 200 bombers a night are but a drop in the bucket of the total war. Even 2,000 raiding bombers daily would probably fail to loosen the Nazi grip upon Germany. Yet, to operate 2,000 bombers continuously day after day for a protracted period there would have to be available at least 6,000 bombers—more likely 10,000—and at least 6,000 pilots and air crews, and there would have to be replacements coming from the factories and the training schools of at least 200 bombers and 200 pilots and air crews daily. For one must reckon on at least 10 per cent losses on each raid.

The terrific industrial and tactical problems in the way of continuous mass bombardments were strikingly illustrated by the waxing and waning of the German air offensive last Autumn; the assaults upon England could be kept at a peak only for a brief time.

World War experience demonstrated the immensity of the task. The British found that to maintain 1,800 planes in operation in France—not all of which, by any means, were operated daily—and more than 300 planes in operation in England for home defence, a monthly output of 1,500 planes was needed, which is probably the maximum output of Britain today. The French calculated on a monthly output of 2,400 planes and 4,000 engines monthly to maintain a tactical force of 4,000 aircraft, probably only one-half to two-thirds of which was ever operating simultaneously.

In 1918, the average monthly output of Britain was 2,668 planes and 1,841 engines; for France it was 2,852 planes and 3,359 engines (planes and engines of design far simpler than they are today), a combined monthly output of 5,520 planes and 5,200 engines, considerably more (in planes) than Germany is producing today, considerably more than any planned schedules of future American production.

The start of the British daylight bombing raids, therefore, while indicating increased British strength, should not be misconstrued. For the sheer physical difficulty of providing the thousands and thousands of bombers required to produce decisive effects seems almost impossible.

the World War, and send them to Norway.



They will have to police not only the people, but also the police. Like other officials, the police throughout Norway close their eyes to all acts of sabotage. Just a few weeks ago a warning was issued to the people of Alesund, reading: "Yesterday 33 citizens were arrested because they staged open anti-German street demonstrations and insulted a German guard. The police took a lenient attitude towards the demonstrators and consequently the extent of manifestations has increased."

Harsh measures taken by the Minister of Police stirred so much hatred against him that he felt it necessary to justify his deeds and plead with the people for co-operation. He made a speech to this effect, but only Quislingists came to the meeting and people turned off their radios when he started talking.

There are very few sympathisers with the Nazis. Girls who are seen with Germans on the streets are seized and their hair is cut. Michael Staksrud, up to a year ago Norway's pride, her world champion in ice racing, was recently found dead in a lake near Oslo after he had been missing for weeks. He was a member of the Quisling Elite Guard.

Day by day people cross the frontier into Sweden and report to friends important Nazi secrets which are then transmitted to England by amateur radio stations. Or a small boat furtively leaves one of the thousands of fjords on a voyage to England with vital information. This is one of the reasons why an attempt to invade England from Norway would be known in England almost before the Germans could weigh anchor.



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SAN FRANCISCO WOMAN'S CHARGES AGAINST WIEDEMANN

CAPTAIN WIEDEMANN, GERMAN CONSUL-GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO, IS ALLEGED TO HAVE RECEIVED OVER \$5,000,000 FROM GERMANY FOR ESPIONAGE IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

The allegation is made in a complaint filed in the Federal Court yesterday by Mrs. Alice Crockett, a San Francisco woman.

She claims Wiedemann sent her to Germany on a confidential mission and when she returned he refused to pay the \$8,000 which she demanded for her expenses.

She also declares Wiedemann told her the German Government planned to promote strife and class hatred for the purpose of destroying the unity and undermining the strength of the United States.

Mrs. Crockett also alleged that Wiedemann was "active in securing large quantities of ammunition to be used by the German-American Bund in fighting against the United States."

Ford And Lindbergh!

She also says Wiedemann directed the activities of the Bund in the United States, and he told her he "worked together with" Col. Lindbergh and Mr. Henry Ford.

Another allegation is that the German Government employed Princess Hohenlohe-Waldenburg, whose duty it was to contact and pay people employed in espionage for Germany.

The Immigration Service Appeals Board at Washington yesterday rejected an appeal by the Princess against a deportation order made against her last January. — Reuter.

KWONG CHOW WAN SURROUNDED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A Japanese army spokesman in Shanghai to-day disclosed that Kwong Chow Wan, French Leased territory, has been surrounded by Japanese forces which landed and occupied Suitung on the east and Liuchow on the West.

In reply to questions, the official stated that the Japanese have no intention of occupying Kwong Chow Wan.

In fact he added, Kwong Chow Wan has been technically "occupied" by virtue of the Japanese complete blockade on land and sea.

Following the Japanese landing in Bias Bay, a new network of Chungking supply routes was discovered and it was found necessary to occupy the supply forts along a 240-mile strip of coast between Macao and Pakhoi.

The main object of these operations he said was to cut off Chungking supply routes. — Our Own Correspondent.

INDIA'S DEFENCE PROBLEMS

During the Budget debate in the Indian Council of State yesterday the Commander-in-Chief, General Auchinleck, said there were one or two matters about which misapprehension existed in the minds of members.

Firstly, regarding the Viceroy's commissioned officers. Their interests were close to his heart and he would always watch them. It would be his duty to see they did not suffer in any way.

True, they were not being used in units officered by Indian officers. They were being reinstated.

Secondly, there was the question of utilising the University Training Corps. This was also receiving his careful consideration.

There was one main point on which there was a universal insistent demand, and that was the demand for closer cooperation between the Legislature and the Defence Department, especially in respect of giving advice to the Defence Department and receiving information from them.

This had his full sympathy but it was not easy to arrange and he hoped before long it might be possible to arrive at a suitable compromise which would be useful both to the House and the Government. He proposed to give this matter his immediate personal consideration. — Reuter.

MARCH 23 TO BE OBSERVED AS DAY OF PRAYER

AT THE DESIRE of the King, Sunday, March 23 will be observed as a National Day of Prayer "for strength and guidance in the days to come and thanksgiving for blessings already received," said an announcement issued from Buckingham Palace yesterday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury writes: "We cannot but be thankful when we think of the wonderful way in which we have escaped the dangers which surrounded us last summer and autumn; of the most heartening successes of the Fleet, the Army and Air Force in the Mediterranean and North Africa; of the continued unity of our own people."

"Although we dare not indulge in any boastful or easy self-confidence, for all these happenings we may well thank God and take courage."

Times Critical

Cardinal Hinsley yesterday called all Catholics to prayer on the same date, writing: "The times are critical, as perhaps never before in the history of the Church, and the position of our Holy Father is delicate or perhaps dangerous."

"Our petitions for him should be frequent and heartfelt. The Lord preserve him and give life and suffer him not to fall into the hands of his enemies." — Reuter.

FOKIS CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

At the request of Det.-Sgt. MacPherson, Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning remanded Ng Yu-ming, 21, and Tsol Tin, 17, mah-jongg school fokis, for one week on a charge of manslaughter of Tsol Yau-sheung in Kowloon yesterday.

ISLAM AND THE NAZI THREAT

The Emir of Trans-Jordan stated yesterday that if Germany attacked Turkey the entire Mohammedan world would rise up against Hitler.

Turkey, said the Emir, represented the bastion of the Islamic people. — Reuter.

ABYSSINIANS PUSH ON FROM FORT BURYE TOWARDS ADDIS ABABA

THE ABYSSINIAN patriot army, pushing on beyond Burye, is now less than 140 miles from Addis Ababa, the Abyssinian capital.

The Italian fort at Burye (160 miles inside the Abyssinian frontier) was captured by the patriots after days of fierce scrapping, during which they repulsed several determined counter-attacks by the enemy.

Throughout the operations the R.A.F. cooperated with untiring zeal.

Meanwhile the figures of deserters from the enemy continue to increase. The latest batch, numbering 1,700, easily beats all previous records.

These desertions indicate the extent of demoralisation and disintegration of the native elements under the command of the Duke of Aosta.

News from other East African fronts is scanty but, to quote the military spokesman in Cairo, "operations are proceeding well and according to plan." - Reuter.

Mankusa Falls

Ethiopian patriots have occupied the village of Mankusa, eight miles east of Debra Markos, in the Gojjam area, 120 miles north-west of Addis Ababa, according to latest news received in Khartoum.

The Italian forces which evacuated Burye on Tuesday morning, after prolonged guerrilla pressure by the patriot army, are now in full retreat towards Debra Markos, continually harassed by the advancing Abyssinians.

An Ethiopian battalion trained in the Sudan took a prominent part in these guerrilla tactics. The patriots are being joined by large numbers of deserters from the enemy.

The R.A.F. recently has given much attention to making Burye untenable by the enemy. The latter put up a desperate resistance for several days but were unable to hold out against continued action from the air and ground. - Reuter.

Important Area Captured

The Villaggio Duca Degli Abruzzi agricultural colony, comprising some 6,000 acres with an experimental farm, which was captured some days ago, will prove a valuable acquisition for the supply of food to the British Imperial forces operating in Italian Somaliland.

Situated on the banks of the Webi Shibeil, which had been dammed and an irrigation system installed, the area under cultivation has been steadily expanded and five years ago had reached over 10,000 acres.

Like all soil of the river system and coastal belt it is immensely productive when irrigated. Cane sugar is produced in quantity as well as bananas, fruit and vegetables.

Another crop recently exploited along the coastal belt of Somaliland is groundnuts, used for the manufacture of vegetable oil, and cattle cake which, apart from what she obtained from this colony, Italy has to purchase from abroad. - British Wireless.

COMING EVENTS CASTING SHADOW?

COL. DENYS REITZ, Deputy Premier of South Africa, said in a speech at Capetown yesterday that before General Smuts (who arrived in Nairobi on Tuesday) returned south, he wanted once more to confer with Mr. Eden and General Wavell.

Recalling General Smuts' previous visit north, Col. Reitz said: "I do not know whether it is a case of cause and effect but you will remember that almost immediately after the conference at Khartoum with Mr. Eden and General Wavell there followed the dramatic victories in Libya."

"We hope equally valuable results will follow his present visit as regards the Italian"

INDIAN NOW FACING CHARGE OF MURDER

CHARGED WITH WOUNDING A CHINESE WOMAN, BAWA SINGH, 55-YEAR-OLD PRIVATE WATCHMAN EMPLOYED BY MESSRS. ARNOLD AND COMPANY, KWEICHOW STREET, KOWLOON CITY, RECEIVED A SHOCK THIS MORNING WHEN HE APPEARED IN THE KOWLOON POLICE COURT AND HEARD THE CHARGE AMENDED TO ONE OF MURDER.

The woman Li Fong, alleged to have been attacked by accused, died in the Kowloon Hospital at 8.15 a.m. to-day and as a result, Detective-Inspector A. E. Carey requested the Court to amend the charge.

The case was adjourned for a week by Major A. N. Macfadyen.

The attack on the woman is alleged to have taken place in To Kwa Wan Road at 11 p.m. on Monday. She was found lying in the road suffering from serious face and head injuries apparently inflicted with a knife or dagger.

JOE BECKETT IS FREED FROM GAOL

Joe Beckett, former British heavyweight boxing champion, and his wife, who were detained under the Defence Regulations last June, have been released by order of the Home Secretary.

Beckett and his wife were arrested at their home in Winchester Road, Southampton, and were taken in a car to the police headquarters, Mrs. Beckett being accompanied by her three-week-old son.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckett were alleged to have been connected with the British Union of Fascists. Shortly before their detention, Beckett, who is forty-six, joined the Home Guard.

"SCROUNGERS"

Four coolies engaged by the Naval Dockyard to transfer coal to a lighter off Stonecutters yesterday, were convicted by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning of stealing quarter of a ton of coal.

The coal was found concealed under the boards of the boat, conveying them home after the work.

Wong Sam, 45, who had two previous convictions, was fined \$25, and the other three accused were each fined \$20.

SENATE FIXES TWO-YEAR LIMIT OF AID

The U.S. Senate yesterday approved an amendment terminating the operation of the Aid to Britain Bill on July 1, 1943, or earlier, if approved by a majority of both Houses, says Reuter from Washington.

HURRICANE HITS SOUTH ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is reported from Rome that a hurricane struck Southern Italy yesterday causing damage to the value of four-hundred thousand lire.

One person was killed and four injured. - International News Service.

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It is hereby notified for general information that the first public session of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be held shortly on a date to be announced by proclamation in the Gazette and all persons wishing to testify before the said Commissioners are requested to give written notice to the undersigned at the Colonial Secretary's Office by the earliest possible date together with a brief memorandum of the evidence which they propose to offer.

The examination of witnesses will be held in public but the Commissioners may, if requested to do so for good cause, direct that the whole or part of any witness's evidence may be taken in private. Any request to this effect should be included in the above-mentioned memorandum.

K. M. A. BARNETT,
Secretary to the Commissioners.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1941.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

Tennis Tournament, 1941

Closing date of ENTRIES has been extended to SATURDAY, 8th March, 1941, at 6.00 p.m.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1940, at the rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling at exchange 1/2.7/8 is payable on and after the 26th February, 1941, at the offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,
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THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE.—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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HUSBAND'S MISTAKE

WHEN SARAH BENDISH LEFT HER HUSBAND, SHE WROTE HIM A FAREWELL NOTE, BUT HER HANDWRITING WAS SO DIFFICULT TO READ THAT IT CAUSED HIM TO NAME THE WRONG MAN, NICHOLAS FLACK, AS CO-RESPONDENT.

Nicholas Flack had been on his annual elephant slaying expedition at the time and William Bendish lost the case. As he did not know where to find his wife, the matter was allowed to drop until William met the widow of the late Canon Bell Mason.

He is making considerable progress in the conquest of the mature charms of Mrs. Bell Mason when his wife suddenly reappears. Since she left her husband, Sarah has become a very successful designer of hats in New York, using the name of "Sarah Simple." The entrance of the poised and very attractive "Sarah Simple" into William Bendish's life leads to a series of complications and difficult situations. His young twin nephew and niece add to the complications, while acting as his own co-respondent, in a precarious disguise and at the village inn, is not the least of the difficult situations.

Such is the comedy written by A.A. Milne, which the Hong Kong Fleet Club Theatre on March 19, 20, 21 and 22.

The play, with Leonora Corbett as "Sarah Simple," A. D. Whatmore as William Bendish, and Agnes Lauchlan as Mrs. Bell Mason after receiving excellent notices from the critics in London had a long run at the Garrick Theatre.

Booking is now open at Anderson's.

AMATEUR TOWS BOMB AWAY

2nd Lt. John MacMillan Stevenson Patton, of the Royal Canadian Engineers, has been awarded the George Cross "for most conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner."

He was engaged in clearing debris when a member of the Home Guard told him that a big bomb which had fallen in the vicinity had failed to explode.

He inspected the bomb, decided it was in much too dangerous a position to be left there, and obtained an Army lorry and a length of cable.

After fastening the cable round the missile 2nd Lt. Patton sat on the running-board of the lorry to watch what happened while the bomb was dragged behind the vehicle to a field.

It was decided that it would be best to dump the bomb in an old crater. After careful manoeuvring it was deposited gently in the hole.

2nd Lt. Patton, an expert in chemical engineering, at that time knew nothing of the technique of tackling unexploded bombs. He became so interested that he is now attached to a bomb disposal unit of the R. E. He is 25 and married.

JAPANESE OPERATIONS IN SOUTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IN ORDER TO CUT OFF ALL SOUTH CHINA COASTAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE INTERIOR, JAPANESE NAVAL AND MILITARY FORCES, SUPPORTED BY AIRCRAFT AND NAVAL GUNS, HAVE OCCUPIED KWANGHOI, YEUNG KONG, TIN PAK, LUCHOW AND PAKHOI.

Operations against these five small South China ports followed the arrival of some Japanese warships and transports from Swatow, Amoy and Formosa. Chinese communications with Kwang Chow have been severed by the Japanese occupation of Luchow.

BRIDGE NOTES

Crime Doesn't Pay!

No. 33

By The Four Aces

To-day's Crime is contributed by a Baltimore reader:

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ J 5
♥ A 10 8 4
♦ Q 10 7 4
♣ K J 6

♠ K Q 10 7
♥ 5 2
♦ A 8 2
♣ 10 7 3

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♠ 6
♥ J 6 3
♦ K J 9 5
♣ 9 5 4 2

♠ A 9 8 4 2
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ 6
♣ A Q 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

"West opened a trump," writes our contributor, "South winning with the seven. Declarer promptly cashed the spade Ace and led another spade. West winning with the spade Queen and returning another trump. South won and led a spade, ruffing with dummy's heart ten, but East over-ruffed with the Jack

(which he had saved for just that purpose). Thereafter, South ruffed his fourth spade but had to lose his fifth spade and a diamond, going down one.

"North observed, at that point, that all the butchers aren't in the meat business; but refused to say how he thought the hand should have been played. Was South actually at fault, or was he just unlucky?"

South was a criminal, but he was also unlucky. It was very unfortunate to find a 5-1 spade break; particularly with East in position to over-ruff the dummy. But South need not have exposed himself to this risk. Correct play is to lead a diamond at the second trick. A trump return can be won with dummy's ten, after which South ruffs a diamond. The Jack of clubs is entry for another diamond ruff; and the King of clubs enables dummy to draw East's last trump. Declarer thus makes four trumps, two ruffs, three clubs, and one spade—a total of ten tricks. Two ruffs were needed for the contract; and South should have seen that ruffing the short diamond suit was safer than ruffing the long spade suit.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 8
♥ Q
♦ 8 4 2
♣ Q J 6 5

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. You are too strong to pass, yet, wish to discourage a no-trump contract because of your singleton heart. Bidding the clubs shows that you probably have an unbalanced hand and warns against a return to no-trump unless your partner can surely take care of the unbid suit. Score 100% for three clubs, 40% for three diamonds or three spades, 20% for three no-trump.

Question No. 657

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues.

Schenken Jacoby You Maler

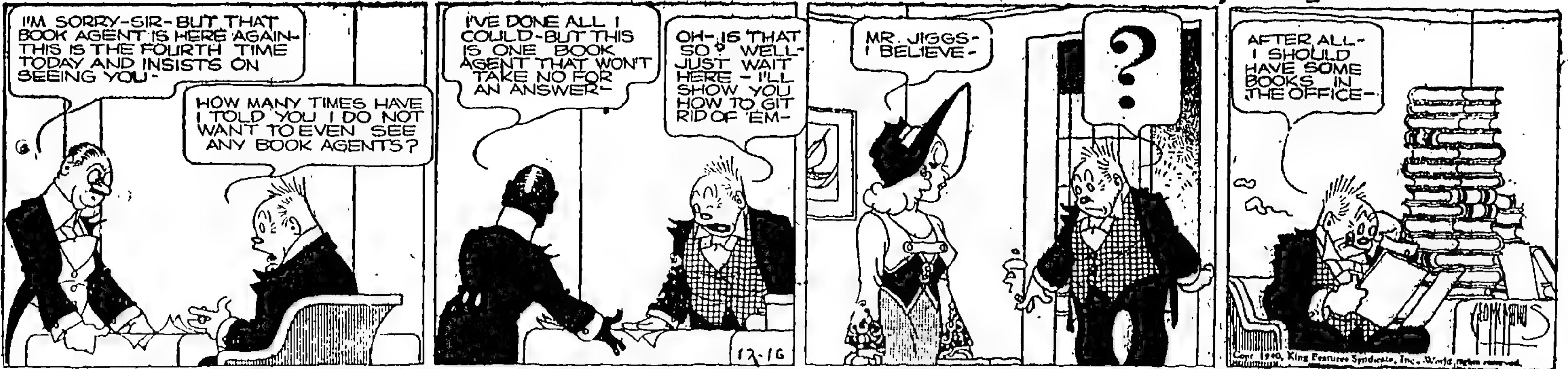
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Striking out from Pakhoi the Japanese are now in Luchow, and from Kwanghoi they have advanced to Tushan. Our Own Correspondent.

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN To Enlarge Or Reduce Bust

It is hard to believe, but it is a fact that the exercises which tend to firm and build up undersized busts, also tend to reduce the bust if practiced diligently. This is because the busts are a mass of delicate glands which generally need firming and they respond to exercise for firming and uplifting. If a flabby bust is firm and uplifted its flabbiness disappears and it is considerably smaller in measurement.

For All Women

Many women who have fleshy busts also have heavy upper arms, according to Miss Catherine Van Rensselaer who is figure authority of the American Woman's Association. So she has suggested the following three exercises to reduce upper arms and flabby busts, or to build up undersized busts and strengthen upper arms.

SINGLE ARM CIRCLING. Stand upright, one hand on hip, the other hand closed hanging at side. Tilt your body slightly forward from the waistline and swing hanging arm forward, up and back in a full semi-circle. Do this 15 or 20 times. Rest. Reverse arm positions and repeat exercise.

ARM FLINGING WITH TRUNK TWIST. Stand with feet six or eight inches apart, body bending forward slightly from waist, head up, chin in. Swing both arms from right to left twisting trunk at waistline. Keep knees straight. Arms should not be tense. Swing back and forth in rhythm 15 to 20 times.

ARM FLINGING AND CIRCLING. Stand erect with hands crossed in front of body. Fling arms up and back four times in rhythm, ending with arms extended outward at shoulder level. Then make four circles forward with arms, and four small circles backward. Make the circles rapidly. Repeat the whole exercise five times.

Massage Also Aids

Fleshy upper arms can be considerably reduced through professional massage, but the above



THE ARM FLINGING WITH TRUNK TWIST EXERCISE described to-day by Miss Lindsay.

exercise routine should be practiced faithfully for a month or two.

A woman who has extremely oversized upper arms and bust should see a physician as frequently this condition is caused by glands functioning improperly. Women with such a problem should never wear evening gowns which have no sleeves — short loose sleeves and a deep square neck are more attractive.

To Preserve Soft Skin

There are three new beauty products especially mixed for your needs.

One is (and praise be that someone thought of presenting it to us who suffer from chapping) a satiny lotion to be rubbed all over the body, hands and face, after a bath. Ages ago heated, rare oils were rubbed on the skin of famous beauties during cold weather, and we women of to-day should be thrilled that we can do likewise at little cost. This new body lotion is flesh-coloured — just to be more appealing!

For very dry skin, or faces exposed to reflected sun from snow, there is a rich protective film which keeps your face looking as dewy as a flower petal at dawn.

and it actually does prevent drying and chapping. Any woman may use this as a make-up base during nippy weather. It has the smoothness of velvet and cream, rouges blend with it exquisitely. You may wear it with or without face powder — many young things like a shining countenance instead of a matted one.

For Your Lips

You may find that your very favoured lipstick is not sufficient to keep your lips smooth and unchapped when east winds blow. To cope with this problem there is a brand new sportstick which is neither a lipstick nor a pomade. It is, however, a most excellent

foundation for your favourite lip rouge and it does a splendid job of keeping your lips invitingly smooth! You apply it naturally, before you go out of doors and you might just as well buy the boy friend one too, if he skates or skis or such, because men simply adore them. These new sticks are creamy in shade so the skiing escort will not look like a chorus boy after application!

There you are, an efficacious protective film for your face, a lovely lotion for your body and an ideal chap-preventer lipstick to preserve your beauty whenever it faces a cold blast or strong sun reflection.

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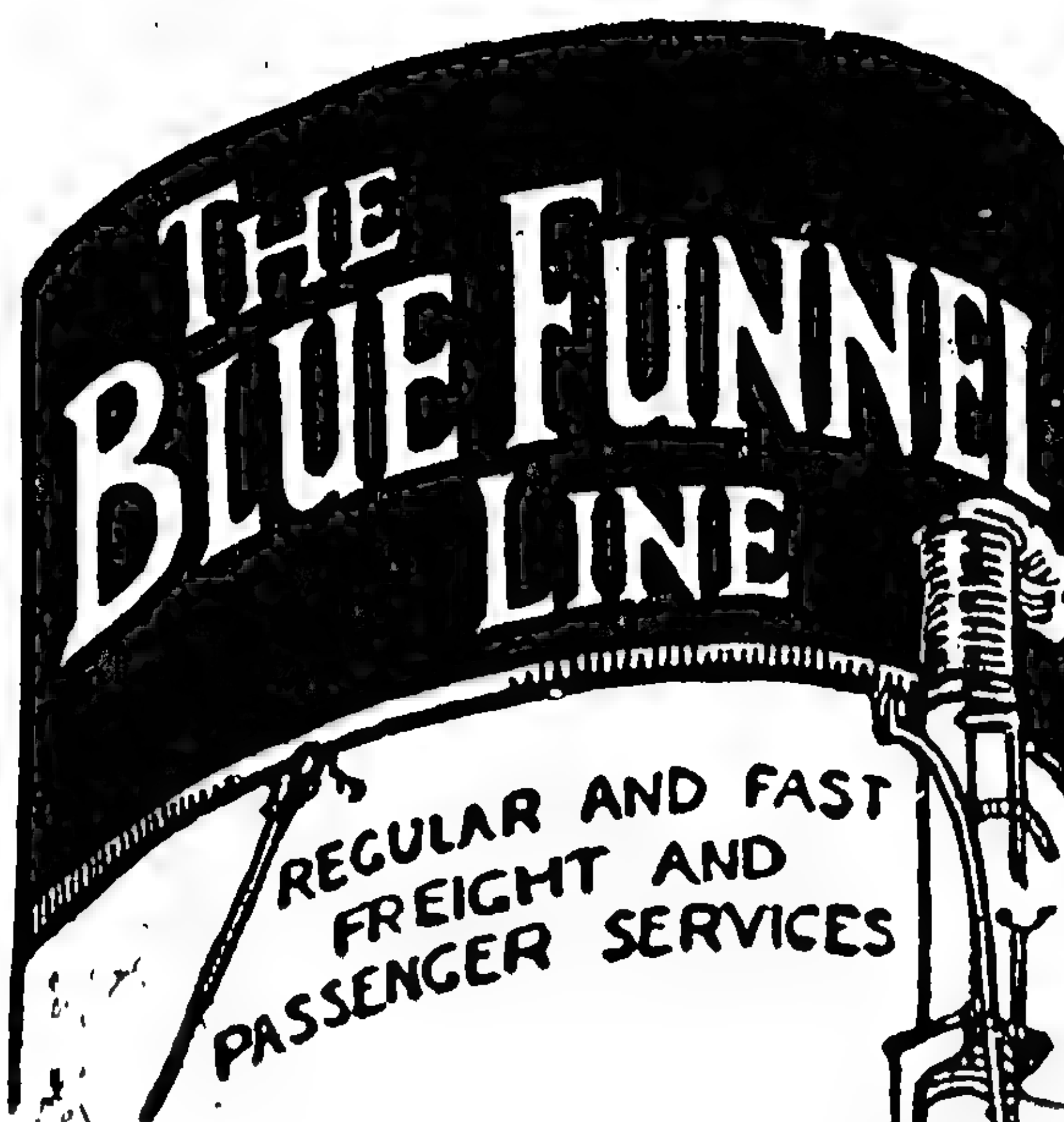


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SUNDAY

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RADIO

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Darius.

Intermezzo from 'Fennimore and Gerda'... London Philharmonic Orchestra.

To the Queen of my Heart: Love's Philosophy... Heddle Nash (Tenor) with Gerald Moore (Piano).

Koanga—Closing Scene... London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.

Caprice... Beatrice Harrison (Cello) with Orchestra.

Summer Night on the River... Sir Thomas Beecham cond. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Meet Uncle Sam'. Edwin Murrow interviews Alistair Cook.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—They All Laughed; I've Got Beginner's Luck (both from 'Shall we Dance').

Quicksteps—Millenberg Joys; Sugar Foot Stomp.

Fox-Trots—Here Comes the Sandman; Remember Me? (both from 'Mr. Dodd takes the Air').

Waltz—A Gift from Heaven.

Rumba—Spanish Jake (from 'Transatlantic Rhythm').

Fox-Trot—It's the Natural Thing to Do (film 'Double or Nothing').

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.

The Whistler & His Dog (Pryor). The Blue Hawaiian Waters (Ketelbey); The Vision of Fuji-San (Ketelbey).

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Variety with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

Vocal—I Used to be 'Colour Blind' (film 'Carefree')... Fred Astaire with Orchestra.

Barrel-Organ—Water, Candy and Liquor (Spanish Barge's Song)...

Zubaleta

Vocal—The Piccolino (film 'Top Hat')... Ginger Rogers with Orchestra.

Barrel-Organ—Life in Spain (Niño)

Zubaleta

Vocal—Ballerina (Boots). The Old Bassoon (Ashlyn).

The Three Musketeers with Piano acc.

Clarinet—Somebody's Wrong (Ursell)

Ern Petter with Piano & Guitar.

Vocal—Isn't This a Lovely Day (from 'Top Hat')... Ginger Rogers with Orchestra.

Vocal—Bonjangles of Harlem (film 'Swing Time')... Fred Astaire with Orchestra and Piano.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.

9.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—I Concentrate on You; I've Got My Eyes on You (both from 'Broadway Melody of 1940')... Les Brown & His Orchestra.

Tango—Trapo Viejo; Horas Fugaces

Orquesta Tipica.

Fox-Trot—Fools Rush In; Slow Fox-Trot—Arm in Arm... Ambrose & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—April Played the Fiddle (film 'If I had my Way')... Tommy Dorsey & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—I'll Never Fail You; Waltz—Lilac of Louvain... Jack White & His Band.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—'To Talk of Many Things'.

10.15 p.m.—Billy Thorburn at the Piano.

Waltz Medley. Intro: Whispering

Waltz: You got the best of the bargain; Am I the first one?

Fox-Trot Medley. Intro: Little old Lady; Please remember; So many

Memories.

Waltz Medley. Intro: Gingham Mia; Don't forget the old folks at home; When I heard the Organ play.

10.25 p.m.—Musical Comedy 'Yes, Madam?' Binnie Hale, Dobby Howes and Company with the Hippodrome Theatre Orchestra cond. by Joseph Tunbridge.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



The gay young blade says without feminine figures on the rink to him ice skating would be the zero hour.

ATHENIA SINKING INCIDENT

The Swiss newspaper "Gazette de Lausanne" Berlin correspondent made the unexpected announcement yesterday that it was a German submarine which sank the Athenia.

He adds: when at the outbreak of war, the Athenia was sunk in the neighbourhood of the British Isles, the reaction of the United States to this event was awaited with some nervousness.

Nothing happened. The torpedoing, which was the work of a German submarine, was one of those maladroit acts which the Third Reich has been very careful to avoid ever since.

German propaganda then caused it to be understood that the sole responsibility for the catastrophe was Mr. Churchill's.

Reason was that Germany was not then disposed to amass declarations of war, as was the case in the last war, and though well aware of the sympathy for Britain on the part of the governing classes in the United States, the Germans were anxious not to fan the flame.—Reuter.

HARVEST BEFORE MILITARY SERVICE

No one will be called up from farms for military service until after the harvest.

This was announced by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, yesterday. He said the announcement was made in view of the importance of food production during the next few months.—Reuter.

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INDIA'S GROWING WAR EFFORT

General Auchinleck, the new C-in-C, India, has lost no time in seeing personally some of the vital centres of India's war production and representative military units of various types in India.

During a number of whirlwind tours he has seen armour-plate producing—a feat undreamed of two years ago in India—guns, bombs, respirators and many other items of war equipment all being turned out in quantities which at one time was thought impossible.

General Auchinleck inspected an Indian Territorial battalion recruited solely from Bihar, Auxiliary units in Calcutta, a heavy battery of Indian artillery recruited entirely from Bengal.

The manning of the big guns of India's coastal defences.

A Madras-embodied Indian Territorial battalion on garrison duty, and

A number of British units engaged in strenuous tactical exercises somewhere in India.

He has also visited a prisoners of war camp at Raigarh, Bihar, where the immense task of arranging accommodation for 12,000 Italians in an area until recently virgin jungle is now being accomplished.

It is understood that General Auchinleck contemplates other visits whenever circumstances permit. —Reuter.

ON THE ROAD TO VICTORY

The Free French forces are on the road to victory, declared General de Gaulle in a message of congratulations yesterday to the commander of the Free French forces who captured Kufra Oasis. General de Gaulle has awarded the commander the Croix de la Libération. —Reuter.

INDIA BUILDING AIRCRAFT FACTORY

A Government spokesman announced in the Indian Council of State yesterday that an aeroplane factory is at present under construction and is expected to begin operations in a few weeks. —Reuter.

WARS IN EAST AND WEST: CLOSE AFFINITY

THE INEXTRICABLE connection of the Sino-Japanese War and the European War was the subject of an illuminating lecture at the Royal Central Asian Society in London yesterday by Mr. H. D. Liem, London correspondent of the Chinese Central News Agency.

Like the Germans, he said, the Japanese preached that they were the "herrenvolk" of Asia.

The technique of the two nations was exactly similar. Having selected a victim for absorption they goaded him by increasing persecution till he rebelled, when they denounced him as guilty of provocation and annihilated him on the pretext of self-defence.

Mr. Liem stressed the danger to Burma of the Japanese designs on Indo-China and Thailand, and the importance not only of the strong British reinforcements in Malaya but of the Netherlands East Indies' resolute resistance to Japan's obviously political demands. Japan, said Mr. Liem, was already suffering from acute privation in many essentials and could not risk further aggressive adventures which would inevitably involve her in war with Britain and America. He boldly faced.

His references to China's gallant resistance and her unequalled importance in exercising a check on Japan, were warmly applauded. —Reuter.

WEDDINGS AT THE REGISTRY

The following weddings took place at the Supreme Court today, before Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar.

Mr. Chow Lan, merchant, to Miss Yan Fan So, teacher, of No. 512 Nathan Road.

Mr. Au Yeung Fu, cashier, of No. 186 Hennessy Road, to Miss Yung San Ping, of 224, Queen's Road.

Mr. Cheng Lun Shi, of 187, Hennessy Road, to Miss Chong Lai Fung, of No. 52 Morrison Hill Road.

AUSTRALIA AND THE N.E.I.

Traffic between the Netherlands East Indies and Australia is gaining daily in significance, declared Batavia radio yesterday. It added that all planes flying to Australia are full up until April 21. —Reuter.

MANILA DIVIDENDS

A cable received this morning from Manila by Marsman's announces the following dividends to be paid for the first quarter of this year:—

Itogon Mining Co. 1 centavo dividend—pay on March 22, 1941.

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ALPINE TROOPS DROWNED

Italian prisoners recently taken in Albania report that 1,500 Italian Alpine troops were drowned when their ship was torpedoed and sunk, states Athens radio.

The announcer said prisoners also confirmed the sinking of two other ships, one carrying mules and equipment for an Italian regiment and the other carrying artillery for the "Wolves of Turin" Regiment. —Reuter.

Miss A. F. Tester, proprietress of the Tester Beauty Parlour, 100 House Street, has reported the theft of an electric hair waving apparatus, valued at \$105, yesterday.

CHINA'S WAR PROSPECTS

China's prospects in the war against Japan are much brighter than when hostilities began nearly four years ago, said the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, at a London Missionary Society meeting in Westminster yesterday.

Mr. Quo added "I speak from the standpoint of internal unity and of strategic and diplomatic aspects of the world situation." —Reuter.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK

AS A RESULT OF A sudden alarming reappearance of Cholera during the past fortnight, some 36 cases with 20 deaths being notified up to midnight, the Medical and Health Authorities have decided to commence the annual Anti-Cholera Campaign immediately.—a month earlier than usual.

Yesterday, 11 cases with seven deaths were reported, this being a disturbingly high figure for this time of the year.

Seven cases are under treatment at present.

From this morning, free inoculations against Cholera became available at all Government hospitals, the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, and all Public Chinese dispensaries, and all those who have not been inoculated for the last six months are urged to do so immediately.

In last year's outbreak, there were 945 cases and 626 deaths against 708 cases and 448 deaths the previous year. In 1936 there were 547 cases with 363 deaths. The satisfactory results in 1938 were attributed to the cooperative attitude of the General public and it is hoped that this same cooperation will be forthcoming again this year.

Public Warned

The public are again advised to avoid eating uncooked vegetables; to boil water before drinking it; to exclude uncooked or partially cooked shell fish from the menu; and to wage a constant war against flies, cockroaches and other insects.

Houses, yards, and gardens should be kept free from rubbish, manure or anything which will attract or provide breeding places for insects.

Those who have their own private medical practitioners are urged to take advantage of their services leaving the inoculation centres to the general public.

Free inoculation may be obtained at the following places: The Queen Mary Hospital; Out-patients Dept. (Old Government Civil Hospital); The Tung Wah Hospital; The Tung Wah Eastern Hospital; The Western Chinese Public Dispensary (105, Third St.); The Eastern Chinese Public Dispensary (Stone Nullah Lane); The Shaukiwan Chinese Public Dispensary; The Kowloon Hospital; The Kwong Wah Hospital; The Yau-mat Chinese Public Dispensary; The Shamshui Chinese Public Dispensary; The Kowloon City Chinese Public Dispensary; The Un Long Dispensary; The Tai Po Dispensary; The Violet Peel Health Centre (Wanchai); and The Tsim Sha Tsui Health Centre.

INDIA'S COTTON OUTPUT

The war has stimulated the demand for Indian cotton piecegoods from a number of Empire countries, including the Straits, Australia and South Africa, said the Chairman of the Bombay Millowners' Association at the annual meeting in Bombay yesterday.

He added that the Netherlands East Indies and Egypt also recently evinced interest in purchases from India, with the result that month by month exports had shown a tendency to increase and a valuable export trade was now being built up.—Reuter.

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REVISED SOCCER FIXTURES

The revised fixtures for the remainder of the Football Season was drawn up last night at the Meeting of the Management Committee.

Several games will be played during the week but these will only effect Service teams.

Following are the League fixtures for the week-end ending March 15-16

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

FIRST DIVISION

Police v Royal Scots

(Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

36th R.A. v Signals

(Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)

20th R.A. v 35th R.A.

(St. Joseph's, 3.15 p.m.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

FIRST DIVISION

South China v Police

(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

Royal Scots v Kowloon

(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)

St. Joseph's v Navy

(Navy ground, 4.30 p.m.)

Club v Middlesex

(Club, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v Club

(Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)

Service Corps v Kowloon

(St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)

South China v Royal Scots

(Caroline Hill, 3.00 p.m.)

Kit Chee v Middlesex

(Club, 3.00 p.m.)

Engineers v 30th R.A.

(Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)

Navy v Sing Tao

(Navy ground, 3.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Air Force v 20th R.A.

(Chatham Road, 3.00 p.m.)

35th R.A. v 24th R.A.

(Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)

7th R.A. v Engineers

(Military, 4.30 p.m.)

R.A.M.C. v 36th R.A.

(Military, 3.00 p.m.)

International v 12th R.A.

(St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)

A.S.A. v Shell

(Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

GOVERNOR'S CUP

Hong Kong Football Association v

Hong Kong Chinese Amateur

Athletic Federation.

(Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)

GOVERNOR'S CUP TEAM

The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Football Association in the Second Game of the Governor's Cup competition to be played on Navy ground on Sunday, March 16, at 3.30 p.m.:

Bankier (Royal Scots); Roughley (Navy) and Fraser (Royal Scots) (Capt.); Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex); and Thomas (Middlesex); Fowler (Club); Le Page (Navy); Howlett (Police); Ferrier (Police) and Rietzen (Club).

Reserves:—Lapsley (Kowloon); Blackburn (Police); Pope (Police); Barber (Navy); Hossack (Royal Scots); Sheehan (Middlesex); and Hedy (Navy).

Team Manager:—Captain R. E. Guest.

SING TAO WIN AGAIN

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT) Continuing in winning vein Sing Tao beat Y.C.C. last night by the only goal scored by Fung King-cheong in the second period. — Our Own Correspondent.

Artillery Defeat Middlesex Easily

Royal Engineers, winners of the Small Units Rugby tournament, negotiated a stiff hurdle when at Sookunpoo yesterday they beat Royal Scots by a try (3 points) to nil in the Large Units Rugby Competition.

Engineers fully deserved their win but in the second half the Royal did a lot of pressing and the Sappers had to be at their best to keep them from scoring.

Foley and Jones were brilliant as Sappers' halves and did well. The former played a hard game and set his threequarters in motion several times. Jones was also prominent and played a good game.

Burrell was again their most dangerous three quarter and with Martin was prominent with good runs down the field.

In the forward line Appleby, Sheldrake and Blackman were the pick of the winners' pack.

Scots played well and saw just as much of the ball but did not gain as much ground as they should have done when in possession. Vealton played well in the half back line and gave a sound display while Douglass was also prominent.

Sappers pressed from the start but lack of good kicking prevented them from scoring. Sappers scored their try through Sheldrake but Burrell failed to convert.

In the second half Royals reshuffled their side and pressed most of the time. Foley, Jones and Burrell were forced to relieve pressure and though Sappers were hard put they managed to keep Royals from scoring.

ROYAL ENGINEERS: Heath; Burrow; Martin; Rees; Jones; Pickett; Fowley; Appleby; Killeen; Wilcox; Redman; Brinkley; Sheldrake; Otway and Davis.

ARTILLERY WIN

ROYAL SCOTS: Pinkerton; Patterson; Douglass; Bateman; Fairley; Hanson; Vealton; Gracie; Hunter; Duke; Millar; Livingstone; Coombe; Sutherland; and Durie.

Royal Artillery proved too strong for Middlesex and won by two goals and four tries (22 points) to a penalty and a try (6 points) in the other Large Units game at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Hook, Keeble, Richards and March were outstanding for Gunners while Freshwater was prominent for the losers.

R.A.—Easterbrook; March; Keeble; Giblin; Richards; Hook; Dobbinson; Bompas; Wedderburn; Delford; Heath; Mew; Page; Eddison; and McDermott.

MSEX—Moggeridge; Jackson; Freshwater; Sheehan; Jones; Radley; Willoughby; Jennings; Wokey; Burrell; Pearce; Goddard; Bayly; Gilham; and Thompson.

SIGNALS' CRICKET WIN

In a Small Units Knock Out Competition cricket match, Royal Corps of Signals defeated the Royal Army Pay Corps by five wickets at Sookunpoo yesterday.

R.A.P.C. Sgt. Murray, b Dixon 4 Cpl. Ingleby, b Blount 1 Sgt. Chalcraft, b Dixon 7 Sgt. Hemming, not out 8 S/Sgt. Happe, l.b.w., b Murphy 12 Mr. Navey, b Murphy 3 Cpl. Pendergast, c Carol, b Murphy 2 S/Sgt. Adlam, b Murphy 0 Cpl. Stone, b Dixon 6 S/Sgt. Carden, l.b.w., b Murphy 0 S/Sgt. Pinkney, st., b Murphy 5 Extras (B8, NB4) 12

Total 60 Bowling Analysis O. M. R. W. Dixon 13 4 21 4 Blount 7 1 10 1 Murphy 5 0 17 0 Dixon bowled four no balls.

SIGNALS Cpl. Blount, b Ingleby 0 Sharland, c Ingleby, b Chalcraft 22 Murphy, l.b.w., b Pinkney 29 Tomlinson, not out 0 Buckle, b Ingleby 0 Lithauer, b Ingleby 0 Dixon, not out 0 Extras (B4) 4

Total (for 5 wickets) 61 Pletcher, Brakenbury, Copsey and Carroll did not bat. Bowling Analysis O. M. R. W. Ingleby 6 0 21 3 Navey 3 0 13 0 Chalcraft 3 0 15 1 Pinkney 2 0 6 1

LEAGUE TABLES

SECTION "A"

	Games				
	P.	L.	W.	F.	A. Pts.
King's	7	1	6	47	11 12
Chung Wah	6	1	5	40	14 10
V.R.C.	6	3	3	21	33 8
Recreio	7	3	4	29	34 6
J.R.C.	7	7	0	15	48 0

SECTION "B"

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A. Pts.
K.C.C.	7	1	6	40	23 12
St. John's	7	1	6	42	21 12
St. Andrew's	7	4	3	33	30 6
Kowloon Tong	6	4	2	24	30 4
Police	7	7	0	14	49 0

YESTERDAY'S BADMINTON RESULTS

Several matches were played yesterday in the "B" Division of the Badminton League and St. John's defeated their Kowloon Cricket Club, their nearest rivals, by the odd game in nine.

St. Andrew's won easily against Police while Victoria Recreation Club accounted for Jewish Recreation Club.

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.) beat N. L. Smith and P. Wilson 21-7 lost to H. Eardley and D. Kwok 13-21 beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd 21-4 J. L. Anderson and D. S. Hazell (K.C.C.) lost to Smith and Wilson 20-24 lost to Eardley and Kwok 5-21 beat Maynard and Ladd 21-5 H. S. Jones and E. Zimmern (K.C.C.) lost to Smith and Wilson 14-21 lost to Eardley and Kwok 6-21 beat Maynard and Ladd 21-7

Win For St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's beat Police by 6 sets to 3. Gillies and Gordon (Police) beat Fincher and Merrett 21-11 beat Brown and Gray 21-16 beat Davies and Gillespie 21-6 Major and Siu (Police) lost to Fincher and Merrett 8-21 lost to Brown and Gray 9-21 lost to Davies and Gillespie 7-21 Mackenzie and Shepherd (Police) lost to Fincher and Merrett 4-21 lost to Brown and Gray 6-21 lost to Davies and Gillespie 3-21

King's College Win

At Bonham Road, King's College beat Club de Recreio by 8 games to 1. S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's) beat A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha 21-11 beat E. A. R. Alves and P. Botelho 21-2 beat R. T. Gosano and P. A. Yvanovich 21-7 K. J. Attwell and K. H. Lo (King's) beat Xavier and Noronha 21-13 beat Alves and Botelho 23-20 lost to Gosano and Yvanovich 18-21 K. L. Lui and H. T. Woo (King's) beat Xavier and Noronha 21-12 beat Alves and Botelho 21-6 beat Gosano and Yvanovich 21-3

V.R.C. Win

At Robinson Road, Victoria Recreation Club defeated the Jewish Recreation Club by 6 games to 1. D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.) beat A. Pollak and A. Odell 21-8 beat B. Godkin and S. Ramler 21-18 beat J. Odell and M. Talan 21-5 G. Brown and A. A. Remedios (V.R.C.) beat Pollak and Odell 21-14 lost to Godkin and Ramler 10-21 beat Odell and Talan 21-17 M. M. de V. Soares and A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.) beat Pollak and Odell 21-17 lost to Godkin and Ramler 14-21 lost to Odell and Talan 15-21

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

Following is the programme for the First Round Matches of the various Badminton Championships.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

At King's College MEN'S SINGLES JUNIOR J. L. Anderson v Ho Weng Toh. (7.00 p.m.) P. A. Yvanovich v H. Dingsdale. (7.45 p.m.) MEN'S SINGLES SENIOR S. Amplayanar v P. K. Hool. (8.30 p.m.) MEN'S DOUBLES JUNIOR T. S. Young & M. K. Fung v D. Chelliah & K. H. Khoo. (9.15 p.m.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

At Talkoo Club MEN'S SINGLES SENIOR C. Au v H. C. Eardley. (8.00 p.m.) MEN'S DOUBLES JUNIOR F. Kwok & L. Kwok v C. F. Chiu & S. C. Liang. (8.45 p.m.) R. M. Lavalle & N. A. Beltrao v M. Talan & J. Odell. (9.30 p.m.)

MONDAY, MARCH 17

At King's College MEN'S DOUBLES JUNIOR P. C. Leung & K. F. Chiu v E. A. R. Alves & P. P. Botelho. (7.00 p.m.) C. C. Pereira & A. E. Xavier v J. Hool & T. B. Tech. (7.45 p.m.) P. A. Yvanovich & B. T. Gosano v A. L. Fisher & P. Wynter-Blyth. (8.30 p.m.) MIXED DOUBLES E. Zimmern & Mrs. Zimmern v P. Wong & Miss Ribeiro. (9.15 p.m.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

At Club de Recreio MEN'S DOUBLES JUNIOR J. L. Anderson & W. Gillies v W. T. Ho & A. C. Cheung. (7.00 p.m.) MEN'S SINGLES JUNIOR R. M. Lavalle v Peter Lo. (7.45 p.m.) T. S. Young v J. Tsang. (8.30 p.m.) MIXED DOUBLES E. Gillespie & Miss Wong v H. C. Eardley & Miss Eardley. (9.15 p.m.) THURSDAY, MARCH 20 At Talkoo Club MEN'S SINGLE JUNIOR E. Zimmern v J. Hool. (8.00 p.m.) MIXED DOUBLES K. W. Choy & K. B. Low v J. J. Remedios & H. F. Gonsalves. (8.45 p.m.) D. Kwok & Mrs. Wilson v M. A. Oliveira & Miss Silva. (9.15 p.m.)

RECREIO CRICKET TEAM

Following will represent Recreio juniors against H.M.S. Tamar in a friendly Cricket match on Saturday at King's Park: E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), A. E. Noronha, H. A. Barros, E. M. L. Soares, N. A. Beltrao, J. A. Soares, A. H. Remedios, L. J. Remedios, F. J. Remedios, A. A. Lopes and A. J. M. Prata.

H.K.F.A. MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 5.30 p.m. in the Association's office, when the draw for the Semi-final rounds of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions will be made.

CLUB "A" BEAT NAVY

A fairly strong Club "A" side beat Navy "A" by a try and a penalty (6 points) to a goal (5 points) at Happy Valley. Rutherford scored close in for Navy and Paul added the points. Shortly afterwards Day scored for Club, but Aitkenhead failed to convert. Just before the interval Aitkenhead kicked a penalty.

STRAIN OF PROFESSIONAL TENNIS

Alice Marble will earn at least £8,000 during her 18 weeks' tour as a professional, says a London correspondent.

Not too bad, but she will find it pretty grim work, and, most of it being on wood, tough, mighty tough, on the poor feet. Ellsworth Vines once solemnly told me he knew no woman who could stand up to the strain of it, and, having run thousands of miles under the bright lights, he should know.

I recall a very late night sitting in Arthur Elton's sanctum sanctorum at Wimbledon when Fred Perry, having just come back after a year of professional tennis in America, opened his heart on this (and many other) subjects.

Fred, squatting cross-legged on the floor, dead weary after a terrific five-setter with Cochet, confessed the monotony of it had driven him to golf.

He added, a professional's game was bound to suffer. "It gets grooved and mechanic for lack of class match incentive," he said, but indignantly denied there was ever any collusion or "throwing a game" no matter how often you faced the same opponent.

The mystery to me is that there is enough money in these tours to show a promoter's profit after the players have taken their share of the purse, but I don't suppose the shrewd Jack Harris is in it for his health.

Anyway, Big Bill Tilden, still going strong at 47, has never complained of fallen arches or a pain in the back, though complaints are his long-suit.

FRANCE OUT OF TENNIS PICTURE

Jean Borotra, world famous tennis player, who has been made French Sport Commissary by Marshal Philippe Petain, said in an interview recently that until peace is restored in Europe there could be no question of international matches in France.

The "Bounding Basque," who in 1927, won the Davis Cup for France, at Germantown, with his team composed of Rene Lacoste, Henri Cochet, and Jacques Brugnon, said:

"Since France's star players, Yvon Petra and Henri Pelizza, are in German prison camps it would be impossible for France to participate in tennis matches abroad.

With the 1,800,000 French prisoners scattered throughout Germany and the occupied zone of France," he continued, "and every French family with at least one member in captivity, we do not feel up to playing in public. Thus, France will not be represented at Davis Cup matches next summer. However, there will be French inter-regional championships to be held in Paris on the courts of the Tennis Club de France.

Cochet A Farmer

"Henri Cochet, (another of the Four Horsemen of the 1927 "Cup" days), has bought a farm near Paris and devotes most of his time to agricultural line. I was assured that Henri Cochet still plays tennis in his spare time. "As for Rene Lacoste," Borotra pursued, "he has accepted to head the French Lawn Tennis Federation, replacing Pierre Gillou, who resigned. However, Gillou will continue in his functions until July 1 when Rene Lacoste will take over."

FONSECA LAUDS KUHSEL

Lew Fonseca, who played the position himself, says Joe Kuhel of the White Sox is the finest fielding first baseman he has seen in either major league in years.

DERBY WON ON THREE LEGS

One expects a man who plays with millions to know how to take a short-head beating or win the Derby without showing a flicker of emotion.

Jack Joel, who died at his St. Albans home, certainly looked the least excited man at Epsom when his beloved Sunstar won the world's greatest race—11 years after he started his Turf career.

I have seen "Uncle Jack" get more emotional throwing quoits into a bucket at one of brother Solly's famous Ascot Sunday parties—an exclusive men-only event which once inspired the Mr. Gossip of the day to perpetrate the clever jingle headline, "Jolly souls at Solly Joel's."

And so it was when with Steve



up the ill-fated Humorist—he was found dead in his box not long afterwards—won again for him in 1921 after a desperate neck and neck finish with Craig-en-Eran.

Won Despite Dud Leg

Sunstar won the Derby on three legs. It's an astonishing story.

The colt went lame a few days before the race, and getting him to the post was a Morton miracle. Stern, the French jockey, had the ride because neither Frank Wootton nor Danny Maher was available.

Stern afterwards said that he felt his mount falter about a hundred yards from home, and he knew the dud leg had gone. He was literally carried past the

post by the momentum of his grand gallop and his big heart. Then he collapsed.

Triumph And Tragedy

Equally dramatic was Jack Joel's other Derby triumph with Humorist in 1921, ten years after Sunstar.

A fortnight after the race Morton found Humorist bleeding at the mouth after a canter on the morning of a race he was to run at Ascot.

Humorist was sent back to his stable, and one afternoon the head lad found him dead in his box.

It was found at the post-mortem that he had been suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs.

"Lucky Joel" had won two Derbies with sick horses!

He won the Oaks four times. At his country house there was a memorial to his best-loved mare, Doris, the mother of Sunstar.

DUKE OF WINDSOR TO GIVE GOLF EXHIBITIONS

Miami, Florida, February 13.—Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen and Tommy Armour, four of the world's most famous golfers, have all accepted invitations to compete in the Red Cross benefit golf match in Nassau, Bahamas, which the Duke of Windsor, Governor of the Bahama Islands, is sponsoring.

The match will be held on March 15 and 16.

The Duke expects to play with the golf stars on the first day, and on the 16th will be honorary referee of a four-ball game.

All the proceeds will be turned over to the Red Cross.—Reuter.

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RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA SEVERED

London Officially Confirms Presentation Of Note

Abduction Of Employee Of The British Legation

IT WAS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN BROKEN OFF.

Mr. George Rendel, the British Minister in Sofia, in a Note handed to M. Filoff, the Bulgarian Premier, is stated to have said that the British decision to sever relations was prompted by two reasons.

Firstly, Bulgaria's adhesion to the Tripartite Pact, and, Secondly, the disappearance of Mr. Grenovitch, employee of the British Legation in Sofia, who mysteriously disappeared while en route for Turkey.

The British decision to break off relations was officially communicated to the Bulgarian Government yesterday.

Mr. Rendel called on the Bulgarian Premier in the morning, and, after informing him of the British decision, asked for his passports.

Mr. Rendel and the British Legation staff are expected to leave Bulgaria within the next few days. The Dutch, Belgian and Polish Legations are similarly expected to leave, following the Bulgarian Government's intimation that their missions are considered to be terminated.

Enemy Territory

Meanwhile the Board of Trade in London announced that Bulgaria is enemy territory for the

purposes of trading with the enemy.

It is accordingly a punishable offence to have commercial, financial or other intercourse or dealings with or for the benefit of any person in that territory.

Another announcement, by the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London, says the British Government have decided they must now regard Bulgaria as territory under enemy occupation.

As from yesterday, therefore, Bulgaria is regarded as an enemy destination for contraband purposes and all goods of Bulgarian origin or ownership will be liable to seizure.

Mr. George Rendel, British Minister at Sofia, had a brief farewell audience with King Boris yesterday morning.—Reuter.

King And Queen In Glasgow

The King and Queen paid an eight-hour visit to Glasgow yesterday and received a tremendous welcome by dockers and shipyard workers, who surrounded Their Majesties waving their caps.

The King talked to dockers' leaders of the importance of handling ships quickly, and was assured by the Secretary of the Scottish Transport Workers Union that all their energies were directed to unloading ships in the shortest possible time.

"I am very glad to hear that. It's of vital importance these days," said the King.

Their Majesties also visited factories, in one of which army blankets were being made side by side with carpets, and inspected a big parade of A.R.P. personnel and the Home Guard.

Vast crowds cheered them at all points in their drive round the city.—Reuter.

VICHY'S LOSS OF SHIPPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was announced in Vichy last night that France has lost 107 merchant vessels since the armistice, with Britain seizing most of the ships.—International News Service.

STOP PRESS

Introducing the new rates of entertainment tax for Legislative Council approval this afternoon, the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, Acting Financial Secretary, explained that it was estimated that the aggregate amount paid for admissions to cinemas at 20 cents and under is about equal to the amount paid at other higher admission prices, there being about 15 cinemas in which no seat costs more than 20 cents. Government considers that in present circumstances this source of revenue should no longer be left untapped and that the rates of duty proposed will not press heavily on the less fortunate members of the community. Where the amount of payment for admission exceeds 20 cents, the effect of the new rates is, generally speaking, to double the duty payable. It is anticipated that the new rates will increase entertainment tax revenue from \$350,000 to \$650,000 per annum.

BRITAIN SEVERE IN CONDEMNATION

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT has come to the conclusion that the Bulgarian Government, so far from desiring to maintain neutrality in the present conflict, are now prepared actively to cooperate with Germany, states the Note presented by the British Minister in Sofia to Bulgaria in regard to the presence of German troops in that country.

The Note adds it is a matter of indifference to the British Government what steps Bulgaria may think fit to take for the protection of the country against external danger, real or imaginary, but

to safeguard the peace and tranquillity of the Balkans, the Note says the British Government is unaware that this peace and tranquillity has ever been threatened or disturbed by any power which is not a party to the tri-partite pact.

The British Government considers the pretext advanced by the German Government is a specious one designed in accordance with the usual German practice to mask the ulterior aggressive aim.

From the nature of German military movements in the Balkans it is clear that Germany's intention is to menace and, if necessary, attack Britain's ally, Greece.—Reuter.

"Britain is at war with Germany, and the presence in ever-increasing force of German troops on Bulgarian territory, combined with the growing subservience of the Bulgarian Government to German policy, in the opinion of the British Government is incompatible with the maintenance of British diplomatic representation in Bulgaria."

"Tranquillity"

Alluding to the Bulgarian Premier's statement that the German Government declared the presence of German troops in Bulgaria temporary and their task

70,000 JAPANESE TROOPS IN HAINAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking radio reports that 70,000 Japanese troops are massed on Hainan Island at the moment, in addition to the naval units there.

German and Italian experts are assisting in the construction of submarine bases in that area.—International News Service.

MOBILISATION IN BULGARIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Under the Bulgarian Civil Mobilisation Law all men between the ages of 16 and 45 and women between the ages of 20 and 40 have been called up for service.—International News Service.

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